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▶ Boston Celtics Chris Wilcox battles with Toronto Raptors Aaron Gray, centre, and Rasual Butler during first half NBA pre-season action in Toronto on Sunday. The Raptors came close but eventually lost the exhibition game 76-75. See story, page 47.

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Flood toll rising

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War Horse, the movie

Drama set during WWI explores themes of loyalty and survival {page 25}

North Korea's Kim Jong Il dead

Death announced by state television from the North Korean capital, Pyongyang

Kim Jong Il, North Korea's mercurial and enigmatic leader whose iron rule and nuclear ambitions for his isolated communist nation dominated world security fears for more than a decade, has died. He was 69.

Kim's death was announced Monday by state television from the North Korean capital, Pyongyang.

Kim is believed to have suffered a stroke in 2008 but appeared relatively vigorous in photos and video from recent trips to China and Russia and in numerous trips around the country carefully documented by state media.

Birth legend

- North Korean legend has it that Kim was born on Mount Paekdu, one of Korea's most cherished sites, in 1942, a birth heralded in the heavens by a pair of rainbows and a brilliant new star.
- Soviet records, however, indicate he was born in Siberia, in 1941.

The country's "Dear Leader" — reputed to have had a taste for cigars, cognac and gourmet cuisine — was believed to have had diabetes and heart disease.

The news came as North Korea prepared for a hereditary succession. Kim Jong Il inherited power after his father, revered North Korean founder Kim Il Sung, who died in 1994. In September 2010, Kim Jong Il unveiled his third son, the twenty-something Kim Jong Un, as his successor, putting him in high-ranking posts.

Kim Jong Il had been groomed for 20 years to lead the communist nation founded by his guerrilla fighter-turned-politician father and built according to the principle of "juche," or self-reliance.

Even with a successor, there had been some fear among North Korean observers of a behind-the-scenes power struggle or nuclear instability upon the elder Kim's death.

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▶ Kim Jong Il

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Now you can GO here from there

Extension of GO train line brings Toronto closer to commuters in Kitchener and Guelph

Toronto is now just a train ride away for Guelph and Kitchener commuters.

Starting today, the GO train will pick up travellers in both cities, thanks to the extension of the Georgetown GO train line to Kitchener.

To celebrate the service, GO train offered free rides Sunday between Kitchener and Guelph — about 1,500 people came out to test out the new ride in Kitchener alone, said John Milloy, MPP for Kitchener Centre.

"We've come a long way to finally see the trains here, because it's been talked about literally for 20 or 30 years," Milloy said. "I think it sends a very powerful signal of how important transportation issues are."

Two morning trains will head east from Kitchener to Guelph, then on to Georgetown and follow the pre-existing route to Union Station. There will be two trains bringing commuters home at night, following the same route back.

1,500
The approximate number of people in Kitchener who came out to test the new GO train ride.

Milloy called the service a "crucial first step" toward even more train service and morning trains from Toronto to the Kitchener area.

The expansion was financed by GO Transit and provincial, federal and municipal governments.

The line, formerly called the Georgetown GO Train line, will be renamed the Kitchener GO train line.

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▶ Gracin Jones, 3, checks out the view Sunday during a free trial ride of the GO train between Guelph and Kitchener. Gracin was riding with her aunt, Crisalee Cathcart, and cousin Tye Cathcart, 7.

News in brief

Man's body found in lake

ASHBRIDGES BAY. Toronto police have pulled a man's body from Lake Ontario in the city's east end. Police say the body may have been in the water for some time. They say it's too early to tell whether the death should be considered suspicious. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Fiery crash leads to impaired driving charge

ARRESTED AT SCENE. Police have laid impaired driving charges after a fiery crash on a Toronto highway Sunday morning. Police say a car heading east on the Gardiner Expressway smashed into a guardrail and burst into flames near the ramp for the Don Valley Parkway. A woman believed to be in her 30s, managed to escape the burning vehicle with only minor injuries. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Two arrested in subway stabbing

ROBBERY CHARGES. Police are seeking a third suspect in a stabbing at a north Toronto subway station. Investigators say a man was knifed at the collectors' booth inside Finch station just before 8 p.m. Saturday. The man was sent to hospital with minor injuries. Two men have been arrested. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Suspect sought in sex assault

QUEEN AND OSSINGTON. Toronto police are on the hunt for a suspect in an alleged sexual assault. Police say a 24-year-old woman reported she was sexually assaulted by a man at Queen Street West and Ossington Avenue just before 3 a.m. Saturday. It's alleged the man also followed her and demanded money. The suspect is described as black, 27 years old, five feet nine inches tall with a chin strap beard. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Liberal Leader Bob Rae says the troubled First Nation reserve of Attawapiskat is 'our Third World'. Video at metronews.ca

Budget chief tip-toes around land tax issue

Del Grande the second Ford ally this week to publicly decline to endorse mayor's pledge to scrap lucrative fee

Mayor Rob Ford's budget chief declined on Sunday to endorse Ford's pledge to eliminate the land transfer tax.

The budget chief, Coun. Mike Del Grande, is a fiscal conservative and one of Ford's most loyal allies. His comments on Coun. Josh Matlow's Newstalk 1010 radio show underscored the difficulty Ford will have convincing a majority of council to vote to repeal a tax that will generate about $300 million this year.

Ford's promise to repeal the tax within a year was a central plank in his campaign platform. On Thursday, he vowed to repeal it in phases, beginning with a cut of perhaps 25 per cent next year.

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▶ The budget chief, Coun. Mike Del Grande.

Matlow asked Del Grande if it was a good idea to repeal the tax without a plan to replace the revenue it provides. Del Grande demurred, saying the city's budget picture was not yet entirely clear because of ongoing efficiency studies and labour negotiations.

He later said: "I think, again, everybody, collectively, has a right to ask that question. That being said, I think the mayor is very keen on fulfilling all his campaign promises."

Matlow replied, "But even if they don't make sense?"

Del Grande did not challenge Matlow's assertion. "What I'm saying, Josh, is he wants to do that because, you well know, that as soon as he doesn't fulfill one, he's attacked left, centre and right," he said.

"I think if people feel that there's a concern with (eliminating the tax), they would be better positioning themselves to say, 'Mr. Mayor, we don't want you to fulfill that promise, it's OK, for these circumstances and these reasons.'"

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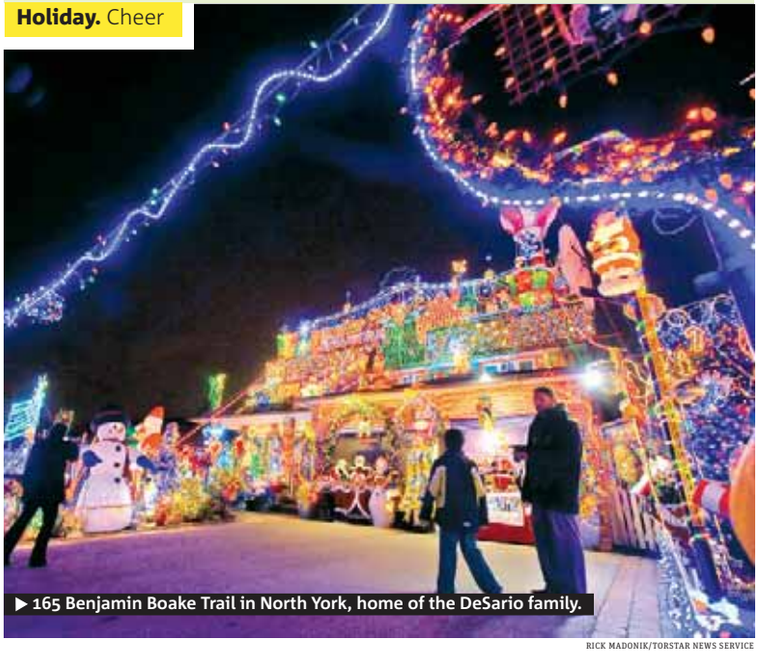
Holiday. Cheer



▶ 165 Benjamin Boake Trail in North York, home of the DeSario family.

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Home shines bright for charity

The DeSarios spent $1,200 last year in energy costs for the festive lighting, but raised $11,000 for the Sick Kids Foundation. The family has been doing this for about 15 years and raised $75,000. A donation box is set up at the front of the house.

Fate of philanthropist's alleged killers in jury's hands

Jurors are deliberating in the case of two men accused of the first-degree murder of Toronto multi-millionaire philanthropist Glen Davis.

The jury was never explicitly told that Marshall Ross, Davis's godson and cousin, had pleaded guilty in October to first-degree murder, admitting he plotted Davis's 2007 murder as well as an earlier failed attempt, a baseball bat attack in 2005.

Ross, 41, serving a life sentence, did not testify at the trial of the two men he allegedly hired: Dmitri Kossyrine, 33, and Ivgeny (Eugene) Vorobiov, 33, both of Richmond Hill and born in the Soviet Union.

But the trial did reveal evidence of how Ross, under pressure to repay the $2.5 million he borrowed from his godfather, engineered a murder to settle the debt.

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▶ Glen Davis is seen in this undated photo.

The jury started deliberations Saturday, after eight weeks of hearing evidence.

On May 18, 2007, Davis was shot and left to die on the cold pavement in an underground parking lot near Mount Pleasant Road and Eglinton Avenue.

In an interview at police headquarters, homicide Det.-Sgt. Peter Moreira asked Ross whether he expected to be asked if he killed his godfather.

"Well you can ask, but I wasn't there," Ross responded, reminding detectives he was at his cottage. "So I'm pretty sure it wasn't me." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Harbord Village seeks to honour respected citizens

DAVID RIDER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

▶ Rory (Gus) Sinclair, organizer of Harbord Village's neighbourhood project to name local lanes after past residents of note, in the laneway behind his house.

Rory (Gus) Sinclair's jaunty demeanour slips as he talks about one particular name proposed for a laneway during a wildly successful community building project in his Harbord Village neighbourhood.

"My personal favourite is Boys of Major Lane," says Sinclair, 65.

"This honours six young friends who lived on Major Street, from College up to Bloor, who went to ... the Second World War, four of whom never came back," says the contractor.

The project started in 2009 with what turned out to be an isolated crime — a woman robbed by teens in the neighbourhood sandwiched between the Annex and Kensington Market. A police officer suggested that naming the graffiti-covered byways could help authorities find trouble when it happens there.

That got Sinclair, then chair of the Harbord Village Residents' Association, thinking. He successfully proposed a grassroots effort that led to two years of community consultation and consensus building.

He walked the lanes with representatives of the village's five zones, talking through what monikers would fit the pocket of bay-and-gable houses built from roughly 1890 to 1910.

"The overwhelming consensus was to honour people who had lived here," he says. "They don't have to be famous; just good citizens, community builders, people who had an impact but are no longer with us."

Suggestions were gathered online. Colourful ballots were dropped at every home. A jury of four community activists eventually chose the winners.

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Winning names

If city hall approves, the back lanes will be named to honour, among others:

- Feminist writer Leah Cohen.
- Playwright David French Lane.
- Stratford Festival co-founder Douglas Campbell.
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Philippine flood death toll rising

More than 650 people dead, with 900 still missing Overworked rescuers haven't made it to villages

REUTERS

▶ Residents work next to destroyed houses at a village in Cagayan de Oro City on the southern island of Mindanao on Sunday, a day after Typhoon Washi wrought havoc in the city.

As a storm that killed more than 650 in the southern Philippines raged outside the store where she works, Amor Limbago worriedly called home to check on her parents, but their cellphones just kept ringing and later went dead.

Limbago, 21, rushed home as soon as the flash floods receded and confirmed her worst fear: Her parents and seven other relatives were gone, swept away from their hut by the river.

"I returned and saw that our house was completely gone," a weeping Limbago told The Associated Press from Cagayan de Oro city. "There was nothing but mud all over and knee-deep floodwaters."

Tropical Storm Washi blew away Sunday after devastating a wide swath of the mountainous region on Mindanao island, which is unaccustomed to major storms.

Most of the victims were asleep Friday night when flash floods cascaded down mountain slopes with logs and uprooted trees, swelling rivers. The late-season tropical storm turned the worst-hit coastal cities of Cagayan de Oro and nearby Iligan into muddy wastelands filled with overturned cars and broken trees.

Most of the dead were children and women, Red Cross Secretary General Gwendolyn Pang said.

Although the disaster-prone Philippines is lashed by about 20 typhoons and storms annually, the devastation shocked many, coming close to Christmas — the predominantly Roman Catholic nation's most-awaited time for family reunions.

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Chemists fingerprint oil in fight against polluters

Ships illegally dumping oil off Canada's coasts are having a harder time getting away with the crime because of a relatively new process used by government scientists.

Chemists at Environment Canada in New Brunswick have standardized the process that connects oil collected from the ocean to the ships that dump the pollutants.

The process, known as chemical fingerprinting, compares oil samples with the oil found on a ship, said Art Cook, head of chemistry at the Atlantic Laboratory of Environment Testing in Moncton.

Oil consists of thousands of different chemicals and each has its own unique characteristics that act as a fingerprint. That allows chemists to pinpoint the source of the oil when compared to a sample from a ship suspected of spilling pollutants.

ENVIRONMENT CANADA HANDOUT

▶ It's now easier for scientists to find ships that have been illegally dumping oil.

Researchers are able to identify the type of oil — like crude oil, gasoline and diesel — by determining its boiling point.

Officers have prosecuted about half a dozen ships the past two years using chemical fingerprinting as evidence.

Chemical fingerprinting isn't a new idea, Cook says. In fact, the process has been in development for more than 20 years, but the Canadians helped refine and standardize the process so it can be used in collaboration with police and wildlife enforcement procedures.

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MAKE YOURSELF PRESENTABLE: Before you head out, create dummy accounts on your social networks and search for yourself. This will let you know what strangers — other people at the party — can see and you can adjust your privacy settings accordingly. Make sure all your accounts are presentable for any new connections you make at the party.

THINK BEFORE YOU LINK: You might want to tag co-partiers in status updates, photos, notes or videos, but make sure you have their permission first. Don't post embarrassing photos or stories about anyone.

If you're unsure, use the "fridge" rule: if you wouldn't post it on your fridge at home or at work, don't post it online.

If it was a work party, be even more cautious. Once others start sharing your off-colour posts, there is no way to beat a hasty re-tweet.

MORE ONLINE

For more about social media, check out geektown.ca.

If you are still unsure, remember this: when in doubt, leave it out. If you have to think twice about content you want to post, it's probably wise to omit it. If you are uncomfortable defending your decision to post risqué content, keep it private.

TREAT SMARTPHONES AS OPEN MICROPHONES: Imagine you are standing in front of the company's board of directors and stockholders. The microphone is open — would you still speak?

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‘Shock and awe’ comes to subdued end

▶ Specialist Ashley Walter, right, hugs specialist Angelica Reyes after Reyes arrived in the last American military convoy to depart Iraq on Sunday.

◗ Last American troops exit Iraq ◗ In the final days, U.S. officials acknowledged the cost was high

Outside it was pitch dark. The six American soldiers couldn’t see much of the desert landscape streaming by outside the small windows of their armoured vehicle.

They were hushed and exhausted from an all-night drive — part of the last convoy of U.S. troops to leave Iraq during the final moment of a nearly nine-year war.

As dawn broke Sunday, a small cluster of Iraqi soldiers along the highway waved goodbye to the departing American troops.

“My heart goes out to the Iraqis,” said Warrant Officer John Jewell. “The innocent always pay the bill.”

When they finally crossed the sand berm that separates Iraq from Kuwait, illuminated by floodlights and criss-crossed with barbed wire, the mood inside Jewell’s vehicle was subdued. No cheers. No hugs. Mostly just relief.

His comrade, Sgt. Ashley Vorhees, mustered a bit more excitement.

“I’m out of Iraq,” she said. “It’s all smooth sailing from here.”

The final withdrawal was the starkest of contrasts to the start of the war, which began before dawn on March 20, 2003. That morning, an airstrike in southern Baghdad, where Saddam Hussein was believed to be hiding, marked the opening shot of the famed “shock and awe” bombardment. U.S. and allied ground forces then stormed from Kuwait toward the capital, hurtling north across southern Iraq’s featureless deserts. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The war

- The war that began eight years and nine months earlier cost nearly 4,500 American and well more than 100,000 Iraqi lives and $800 billion from the U.S. Treasury.
- The bitterly divisive conflict left Iraq shattered and struggling to recover. For the United States, two central questions remain unanswered: Whether it was all worth it, and whether the new government the Americans leave behind will remain a steadfast U.S. ally or drift into Iran’s orbit.

Ship carrying asylum seekers sinks off Indonesia

Rescuers battled high waves Sunday as they searched for 200 asylum seekers missing and feared dead after their overcrowded ship sank off Indonesia’s main island of Java. So far only 33 people have been plucked alive from the choppy waters.

Two were children, aged 8 and 10, found clinging to the broken debris of the boat five hours after the accident Saturday.

“It’s really a miracle they made it,” said Kelik Enggar Purwanto, a member of the search and rescue team, as horrifying accounts emerged of the disaster.

Nearly 250 people fleeing economic and political hardship in Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran and Turkey were trying to reach Australia in search of a better life when they ran into a powerful storm 32 kilometres off Java’s southern coast on Saturday.

After being slammed by a three-metre-high wave, the fibreglass ship — carrying more than twice its capacity — broke apart, survivors said, disappearing tail first into the dark waters.

Soon after, 25-year-old local fisherman, Jambe, spotted several dark dots from his own tiny wooden fishing vessel and decided to investigate.

He and his three-member crew were horrified at what they found: More than 100 hysterical and exhausted people clinging to anything that floated.

Survivors immediately started racing toward them.

In the end he managed to get 25 on board, many of them injured and all begging for water to drink.

Those left behind were screaming and crying.

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▶ An Indonesian police officer carries a young survivor off a boat carrying 200 people that sank off Java.

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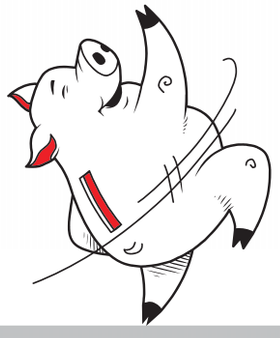

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▶ Medics help a young protester near Tahrir Square in Cairo, Egypt, Sunday.

Egypt's generals winning PR battle

Campaign depicts protesters as hooligans Military, revolutionaries continue to clash on streets of Cairo

Egypt's ruling military and the revolutionaries who demand they immediately step down battled for a third day in the streets yesterday — and competed fiercely for the support of a broader public that has grown tired of turmoil since the fall of Hosni Mubarak 10 months ago.

The generals appear to be winning the fight for the public, despite a heavy-handed crackdown on protesters around Cairo's Tahrir Square using a roughness that rivaled even that of Mubarak's widely hated police force.

A man died in police custody yesterday, and a lawyer said he was refused medical attention.

The protesters have tried to drum up Egyptians' anger at the military by spreading videos and photos of military police savagely beating young men and women to the ground with sticks and truncheons — and the resonant scene of a woman in a headscarf being stripped half naked by soldiers who stomp on her chest.

But so far their efforts to win public sympathy don't seem to be gaining traction in the face of the military's campaign to depict the crowds of hundreds in the streets as hooligans and vandals, not the idealistic activists who succeeded in bringing down Mubarak. At least 10 protesters have been killed and 441 others wounded in the three days of violence, according to the Health Ministry.

"The military has failed in everything except for its stunning success in making people hate the revolution, its history and its revolutionaries," prominent columnist Ibrahim Eissa wrote in an editorial in the independent pro-revolution newspaper, Al-Tahrir.

The military has been methodically seeking to discredit the revolutionaries, accusing them of being part of a plot hatched abroad to destabilize Egypt.

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Israel releases final group of Gaza prisoners

Israel released hundreds of Palestinian prisoners Sunday night, the second and final phase of a swap with Gaza Hamas militants that brought home an Israeli soldier after five years in captivity.

Under the Egypt-brokered deal, Israel agreed to exchange a total of 1,027 prisoners for Sgt. Gilad Schalit, who was captured by Gaza militants in June 2006. Schalit returned home in October when Israel freed the first batch of 477 prisoners. Yesterday's release of 550 prisoners completed the swap, the most lopsided in Israel's history.

The release Sunday night was not infused with the same drama as the first phase, since the most significant players in the trade had already been freed.

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▶ Gilad Schalit

The Oct. 18 return of Schalit, who appeared pale and thin but otherwise healthy, was the first public sighting of him since his capture, and the plight of the young man had captured Israel's attention for years.

The prisoners freed in the first round included dozens of militants serving life sentences for involvement in bus bombings and other deadly attacks on Israeli civilians that killed hundreds. Their release set off celebrations in the Palestinian territories, particularly Hamas' Gaza stronghold.

The release took place quietly under the cover of darkness, as most of the prisoners descended from buses and made their way into the West Bank and Gaza.

On Sunday, Israel's Supreme Court rejected a last-minute appeal by an Israeli group representing families of victims of Palestinian violence to block the release. The group argued that lopsided swaps encourage Palestinians to carry out more attacks and abductions.

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Runaway electric cart injures seven

Seven people suffered minor injuries when a runaway electric cart raced unmanned from an end zone to midfield and plowed into several people after a high school football playoff game in Texas.

The incident happened after Spring Dekaney beat Cibolo Steele, 34-14, to win the Texas 5A Division II football title at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington on Saturday night.

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21 killed as clashes erupt in Syria

Clashes erupted in Syria Sunday, killing at least 15 civilians and six government troops, activists said. Syria appeared to be bending toward allowing Arab League observers in as a step toward ending the conflict.

The Al-Arabiya TV channel said it had information from the Qatari prime minister that Syrian President Bashar al-Assad will sign an observer deal.

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Islamists want Pakistan to cut U.S. ties

More than 30,000 Islamists rallied against the U.S. in the Pakistani city of Lahore yesterday, demanding Islamabad cut off ties with Washington following NATO airstrikes last month that killed 24 Pakistani soldiers.

The protest highlighted the ability of hard-liners to bring their supporters into the streets, as well as the lasting anger over the Nov. 26 attack.

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Skiing across Antarctica

British adventurer aims to be first woman to cross the continent alone

As she skis across Antarctica, Felicity Aston is taking on dangers including crevasses, storms, injuries and frostbite. Her biggest challenge, though, has been adapting to solitude in the seemingly endless expanses of white.

For more than three weeks, she has been skiing toward the South Pole pulling two sledges packed with supplies. Aston has covered about one-third of the journey of more than 1,700 kilometres.

The British adventurer expects to reach the South Pole this week, then pick up more supplies and head out again for the other side of the frozen continent.

The 34-year-old used to work as a meteorologist in Antarctica and is a veteran adventurer who has led team expeditions in the Antarctic, the Arctic and Greenland. She said she decided to attempt her first solo crossing to test her personal limits.

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▶ British adventurer Felicity Aston skis across Iceland during a pre-expedition training trip. Aston is skiing by herself across the Antarctica.

U.S. activist prevented from leaving Peru

Peru's anti-terrorism attorney, Julio Galindo, said Sunday he will seek misconduct charges against the three judges who granted paroled U.S. activist Lori Berenson permission to leave the country for the first time since her 1995 arrest to travel to New York City with her toddler son to spend the holidays with her family.

Despite the court's approval, Berenson, 42, was prevented from boarding a flight on Friday.

Berenson was arrested at age 25 and accused of helping the Tupac Amaru group plan an armed takeover of Congress, an attack that never happened.

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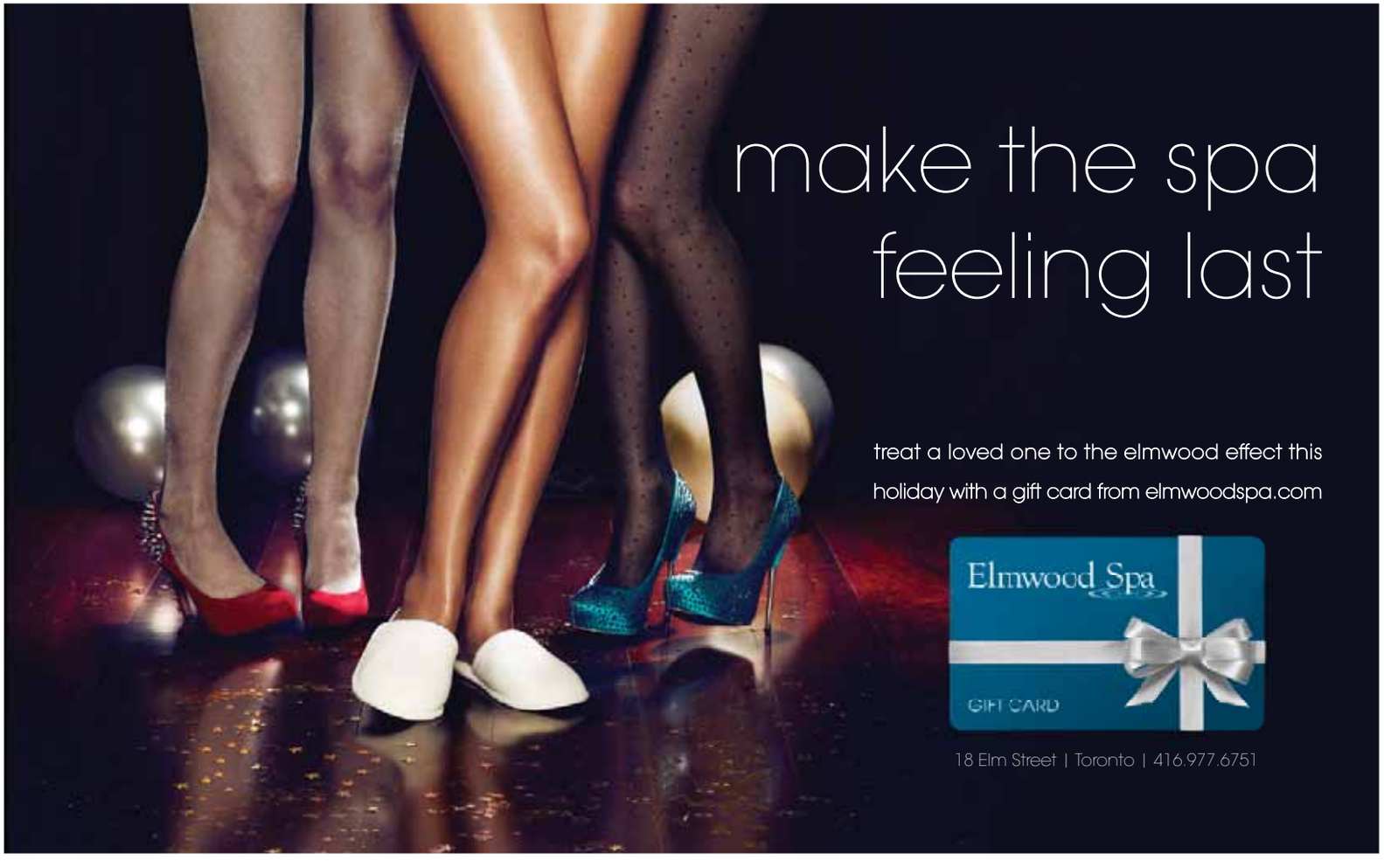

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Man charged in torching death

A man charged with dousing a woman in flammable liquid and tossing a Molotov cocktail on her in a New York City elevator told police he set her on fire because he was angry that she owed him $2,000, authorities said Sunday.

Jerome Isaac was arrested Sunday on murder and arson charges in the death of Deloris Gillespie, 73. Isaac, 47, reeked of gasoline when he entered a police station overnight and implicated himself in her death, an NYPD spokesman said.

Gillespie was ambushed in the elevator of her Brooklyn building on Saturday.

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WikiLeaks accused should not have been trusted: Defence

A military hearing for Pfc. Bradley Manning, charged with spilling secrets to WikiLeaks, focused Sunday on why he was entrusted with highly sensitive information after showing hostile behaviour to those around him.

A supervisor who might have shed light on that question refused to testify, invoking his right against self-incrimination.

The hearing in Fort Meade, Md., is trying to determine whether Manning should be court-martialled. His defence team argues that his supervisors in the 2nd Brigade Combat Team should have seen enough red flags to revoke his access to secret information months before the leaks.

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Czechs mourn Havel

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▶ Mourners light candles on Sunday in Wenceslas Square in Prague in remembrance of former president Vaclav Havel.

Former president during Velvet Revolution honoured by thousands

Thousands of Czechs paid tribute to Vaclav Havel on Sunday, braving cold and snow at the spot where the leader of the peaceful anti-communist revolution rallied protesters.

Mourners, some of them too young to remember the "Velvet Revolution" of 1989, met at Wenceslas Square in downtown Prague, where Havel once spoke before hundreds of thousands of people expressing their outrage at the Soviet regime.

They jangled their keys to make noise as anti-communist demonstrators did, sang the national anthem and observed a minute of silence for the playwright and politician, who died Sunday at the age of 75.

"His legacy will be that 'truth and love must prevail over lies and hatred,' " Havel's former adviser Tomas Sedlacek told the crowd, quoting Havel's revolutionary motto.

"He is an unforgettable person who contributed to the fall of communism. And after that, he remained a moral authority for ordinary people."

PRAGUE RESIDENT JOSEPH KLIK, 67

A black flag flew over Prague Castle, the presidential seat, while at 6 p.m., bells tolled from cathedrals and churches across the country. The Czech government will declare a period of official mourning and Havel's body will lie in state at Prague Castle on Wednesday, officials said.

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Congolese opposition proclaims power

Congo's opposition leader has declared himself winner of the presidential vote, despite placing second in official election results.

The country's supreme court upheld incumbent President Joseph Kabila's victory a little over a week ago, even after international observers expressed concerns about irregularities.

Etienne Tshisekedi said Sunday at a news conference at his home that Kabila's government "is dismissed starting today."

"I consider myself from this time forward as the president elected by the Congolese people of the Democratic Republic of Congo," Tshisekedi said.

"I urge you to remain calm and serene, and to create the climate that the foreign investors need."

Government spokesman Lambert Mende said he had no comment on Tshisekedi's declaration.

Tshisekedi has previously proclaimed himself president and last month ordered his followers to stage jailbreaks to free detained colleagues. Mende then called Tshisekedi's statements possible treason and criminal.

Kabila first came to power after his father's assassination and now has led the massive, mineral-rich Central African nation for a decade.

Presidential election results showed Kabila with 49 per cent, and Tshisekedi with 32 per cent of the nearly 19 million votes cast. Some international observers, however, have said the turnout was impossibly high in some districts.

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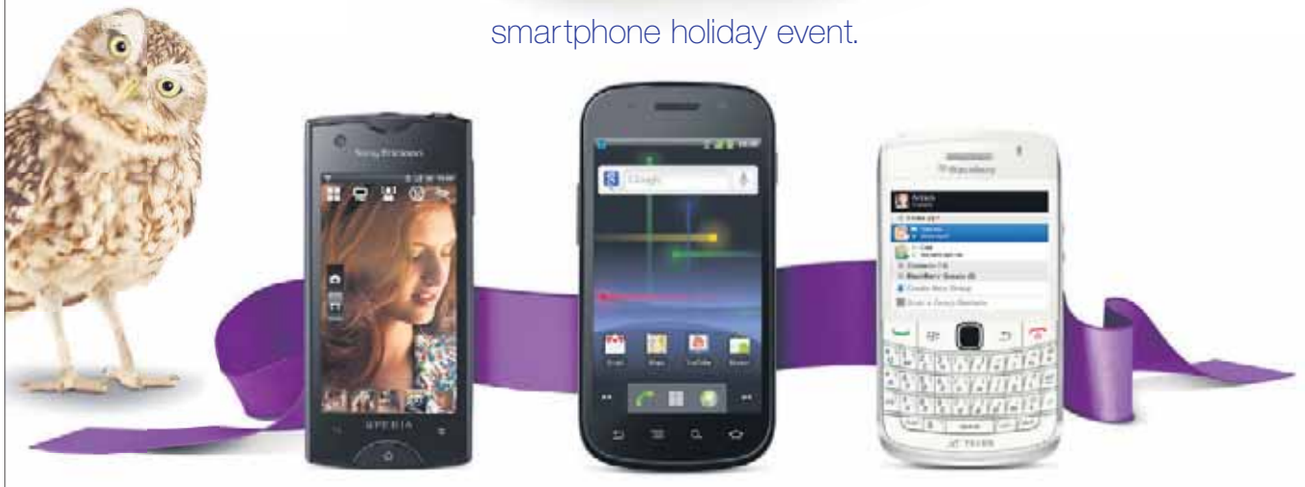

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Russian-owned oil rig sinks in storm

Environmental damage unlikely as platform was not in operation Carried negligible amount of fuel

Rescue workers were searching for 49 men in freezing, remote waters off Russia's east coast after their oil drilling platform capsized and sank amid fierce storms Sunday.

By nightfall, four men had been confirmed dead, and 14 others had been plucked from the churning, icy waters by the ship that had been towing the Kolskaya platform.

Russia's Emergencies Ministry said that 67 people had been aboard the platform as it was being towed about 200 kilometres off the coast of Sakhalin, a large island just north of Japan in the North Pacific, that until the late 19th century was the Russian Empire's most remote penal colony.

Russian officials said the platform started sinking after a strong wave broke some of its equipment and the portholes in the crew's dining room.

One five-metre wave washed away its lifeboats, leaving the crew with no escape, officials said.

The Kolskaya was built in Finland in 1985 and is owned by Russian offshore exploration firm Arktikmorneftegazrazvedka.

As oil and gas fields in Eastern Siberia are becoming depleted, Russian oil and gas companies are starting to shift their focus to offshore projects.

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Market moment

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SEAN GALLUP/GETTY IMAGES

▶ Volunteer Santas attend their annual meeting at the Komoedie am Kurfuerstedamm theatre in Berlin, Germany.

THE JOLLY OLD ELF GETS A HAND

URBAN COMPASS

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As I walk through crowded malls, rushing to finish my holiday shopping, I can't help but wonder: Where does Santa come from? I mean, aside from the obvious, of course. We all know he lives in the North Pole. So, if you're under the age of 10, first off, well done for reading the paper. Secondly, let's be clear that we're talking about rental Santas … not the real one.

Where do the older fellows with the long, white beards come from? You know, the ones who hang out in malls between mid-November until the end of December, and allow strange, sometimes snotty, children to sit on their laps and talk at them for eight hours at a time.

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Ask David Blow. He works for FotoNow, a special events photography company that provides Santas and photographers to nine malls across the Greater Toronto Area. He says all you have to do is put the word out.

"Once they find out you're in the business, they find you," he says.

FotoNow has 12 Santas on their roster, most of whom are retired old men with spectacular beards, who want to make some extra cash over the holidays.

When choosing the perfect Saint Nick, Blow says the ideal candidate has to have "a sunny disposition, and a natural beard" and be "healthy to endure the rigors of a long season."

Oh, and a spotless criminal record. Can't forget about that.

If you've been involved in any sort of illegal activity in the past, there's no way they're letting children near your lap.

"You can have the jolliest, best looking, roundest belly in the world, but we do a pretty rigorous background check," he says.

FotoNow provides the outfit, but most of the time, the hardcore Santas come with their own.

"They take it very seriously, sometimes you wonder if they think they're Santa," he says. "But they're great guys and it's challenging work."

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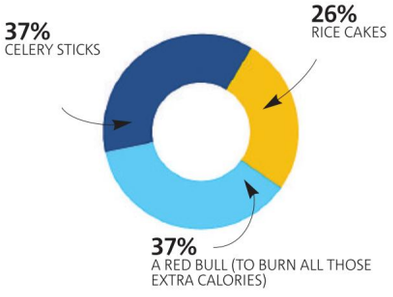
Since Santa obviously needs to lose a few pounds, what health-conscious snack should you leave him to eat?



Local tweets

▶ **@mcepek:** I have been in #Toronto for 4 months now and I had to go to #Chicago to see some actual snow! #IsThisCanadaOrWhat?

▶ **@dvorsky:** Vaclav Havel died yesterday. Man, we lost a lot of good people this past year.

▶ **@Minor_Leaguer:** RIP Vaclav Havel, Freedom Fighter.

▶ **@big_sizzle:** @raptors need @ReggieEvans30. Todays loss proves that. #toronto @young_onez #nba #raptors

▶ **@Jeffler:** If you stopped cheering for the Raptors when they traded away Vince Carter, you have the IQ of a pet rock and should be deported to Pluto

▶ **@Mrballer:** Also great seeing the #Raptors defense improved by a lot. Great help D all night. Dre got 9 rebounds too! Exceeded the 2 reb/qrt expectation

▶ **@egotero:** one thing that i worry about Raptors is Bayless. sometimes he goes to the basket so many times without seeing his teammates..

▶ **@kaynan8:** game was proper, Raptors lost by 1 point..

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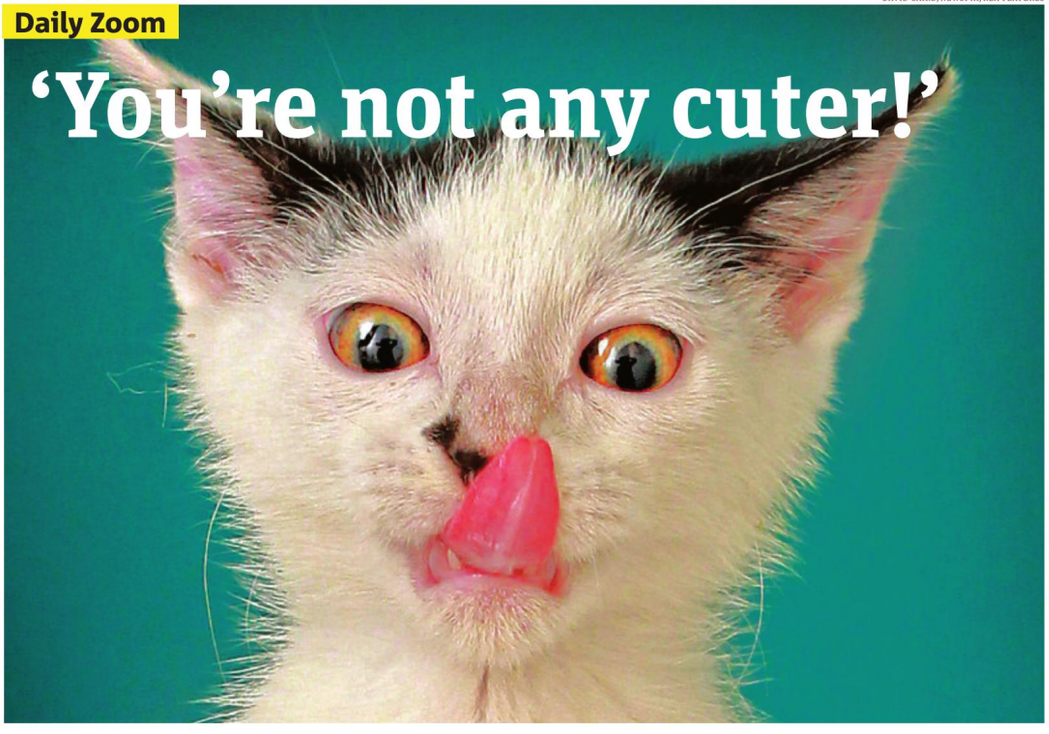

Cat must learn how to behave

AUSTRALIA. Don't tell this cheeky cat it's rude to stare and stick out its tongue: Poor Buzz is hearing-impaired. At cat obedience class at Prahran Vet Hospital in Melbourne, this 10-week-old kitten has to learn hand commands to know how to behave better. By the looks of it, he's still got his work cut out for him. METRO WORLD NEWS

"He's been dumped and is going to be harder to re-home, so I've had to teach him to pay attention to me. Already he can high-10 with both paws over his head."
DR. NICOLE HOSKIN, VETERINARIAN

'Give me a treat, then I'll obey'

TRAINING. Felines can be taught to do many of the same things that dogs can: Sit, stand and fetch things. The two species have to be trained in different ways, though. Dogs learn just to please their owners, but cats only pay attention for food rewards. "I find roast-chicken rewards work the best," Dr. Nicole Hoskin says. METRO WORLD NEWS

All bets off with 'psychic' feline

CATS IN NEWS. Buzz is not the only domesticated cat to make world headlines in recent days. One Italian feline by the moniker of FastidiousCat has been trending as the new Paul the Octopus after successfully predicting Serie A soccer powerhouse Udinese's last four fixtures.

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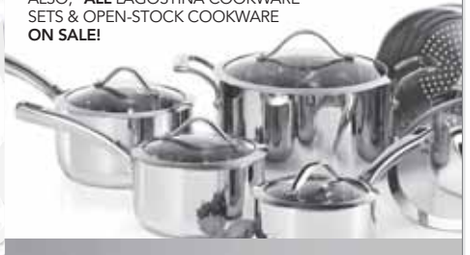

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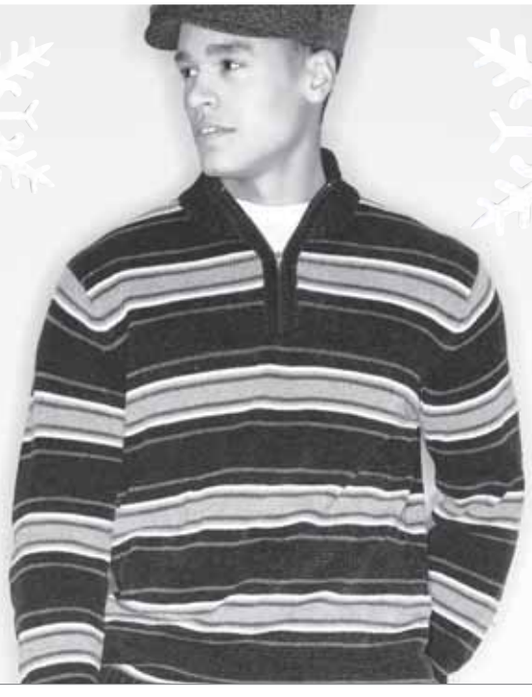

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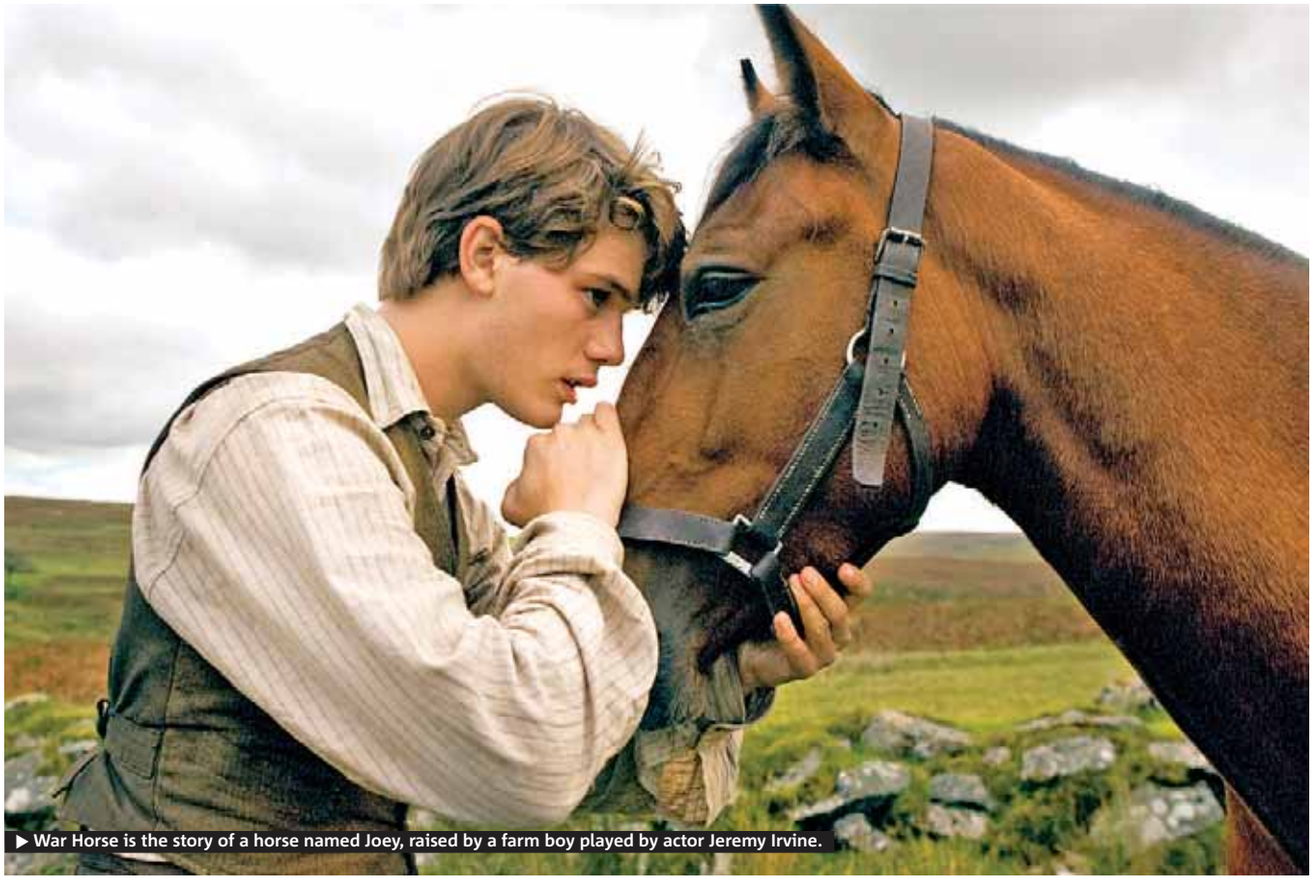

▶ War Horse is the story of a horse named Joey, raised by a farm boy played by actor Jeremy Irvine.

Through a horse's eyes

War Horse recounts the experience of the First World War through the journey of a thoroughbred

Emotional drama explores the themes of loyalty and survival

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Whether we're talking about the popular stage play or the book upon which it was based, when it comes to awards, War Horse has always been a front-runner. That is something Steven Spielberg may be counting on with his latest movie adaptation.

"Yes, it was a children's story to start but it has, at its heart, great pain and suffering," admitted the book's author Michael Murpurgo. "And that's not necessarily a very attractive prospect for a family show but (Spielberg's) pulled it off unbelievably."

The acclaimed film (which hits theatres Christmas Day) is definitely the stuff of award season. An emotional drama surveying the First World War through the eyes of an incredible thoroughbred, War Horse deals in themes of loyalty and survival during a war of attrition that star Emily Watson suggests makes one of Spielberg's most inspired films.

"The great achievement of the film is the perspective it puts on that war," said Watson. "Steven's other films have been about the Second World War, which has a very clear, moral imperative to it. But this war was utterly pointless and taking a horse through the journey of that war is a brilliant way of cutting a cross-section of it and seeing it first-hand and it's really powerful."

Almost as powerful as the story were the actual horses that played the title role. As honoured as he was to star in the Spielberg film, actor Tom Hiddleston insisted he was only upstaged by his animal costars.

"I was shamed at my artifice by their authenticity," said the Thor actor.

"That's really the thing I learned — just to turn up and be there because the horse will do something surprising, which will give you so much more than anything you might have preconceived in your own mind."

The author speaks

Author Michael Murpurgo recently visited Toronto to promote the Feb. 10 debut of War Horse at Princess of Wales Theatre. The British storyteller discussed witnessing his book-turned-play become a Steven Spielberg movie:

"I think (Spielberg) came to this because it touched his heart. He was touched by the loyalty and the love between Joey (the horse) and Albert," said Murpurgo. "The world war was the background in which this longing to be reunited was to be played out…(so it was) also an opportunity for him historically I think to go into the carnage of this war to end all wars." STEVE GOW

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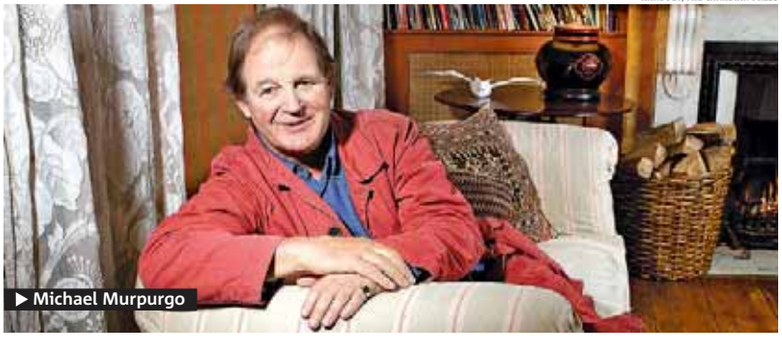

▶ Michael Murpurgo

2 scene

Box office

Sherlock Holmes is facing his worst enemy: declining crowds at the box office. Robert Downey Jr.'s sequel Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows debuted on top with a $40 million weekend, off 36 per cent from the first installment's $62.3 million debut two years ago. The first movie opened over Christmas weekend, one of the busiest times for movie theatres. Distributor Warner Bros. predicts the Holmes sequel will make up the lost ground over the holidays. But overall business was down again. Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked did even worse than Holmes. Chipwrecked opened at No. 2 with $23.5 million, about half the business the first two Chipmunks movies did on their debut weekends.
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Beach Boys announce a reunion tour, with Brian Wilson, to mark 50th anniversary

Rehearsal Carnage

Carnage star Christoph Waltz talks about the importance of actors having a 'safe space' to mess up

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN HOLLYWOOD

Christoph Waltz is pretty clear on what he wants an audience to see: exactly what's on the screen, nothing more and nothing less. His latest film is Roman Polanski's Carnage, about two sets of parents (Waltz and Kate Winslet, and Jodie Foster and John C. Reilly) meeting to discuss their sons' scuffle, and while the project included two weeks of rehearsals, none of it was caught on tape. And that's exactly how Waltz likes it.

"It's rehearsal. If it was filmed, then it wouldn't be rehearsal," the Oscar-winning German actor says. "Why would you poke your nose in our rehearsals? Where do we then have our safe space where we try and make fools of ourselves just to fathom what it is we need to do? You need to have a safe space. If it's constantly invaded by outside observers — 'Let's have a press day on set because journalists love it' — well, that day is lost. Not to the journalists, fair enough. But for the movie, actually, it's lost."

Still, rehearsal sessions between the four actors and Polanski would make for an interesting DVD extra — something else Waltz is against. "If I had a say in these things, I would do away with all this behind-the-scenes, making-of rubbish. It's nobody's business," he says.

Carnage is the film adaptation of the play Yasmina Reza's "the God of Carnage," which has played Paris and London before moving to Broadway two years ago, with many notable actors taking on roles at different points, including Ralph Fiennes, James Gandolfini, Jeff Daniels and Jimmy Smits. "I had seen the original, but long ago, and even though I was impressed with the actor who played the part that I play in the movie, I still have my points, because I'm sort of a cantankerous son of a bitch," Waltz says.

Waltz appreciates the chance to take on a role that's rough around the edges. "If I wanted to be very polite about it I'd say there is a tendency to reduce human characters to archetypes," he says. "I don't quite get it. I think the interest in humanity is waning a little bit."

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▶ Christoph Waltz's character in Carnage is a BlackBerry-obsessed lawyer.

Bad BlackBerry

Christoph Waltz's sneering lawyer in Carnage quickly wears out his welcome with his fellow characters thanks to some truly obnoxious BlackBerry behaviour — interrupting people mid-sentence to take a call, for instance.

Naturally, playing such a role has made the actor more sensitive to proper cellphone etiquette. "The day before I came here, my flight was not booked — I didn't know what time to leave the next day, none of that. So they said, 'It's being arranged, we'll tell you,'" Waltz remembers.

"And I was invited to dinner, so I kept my phone on. Normally I would've turned it off. Every 10 minutes they told me what the current status was. Everybody at that dinner had seen the play, I think. And I said, 'I'm sorry, I need to know. It's terrible, but if I switch it off ...'"

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Snoop schools Wiz Khalifa

Grammy-nominated rapper high on his successes in 2011 Next up? A project and mini tour with Snoop Dogg

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Wiz Khalifa is having a good 2011. This year saw the Pittsburgh native with a constant stream of achievements.

His single Black And Yellow hit No. 1, he has sold out tours and he finished up the year with two Grammy nods. Now he's teaming up with friend and mentor Snoop Dogg for Mac and Devin Go To High School, a new stoner comedy and joint album (heh heh) that will serve as the soundtrack.

While the film has no official release date, the album drops next Tuesday. To spread the word, Wiz and Snoop hit the road with a mini tour. Khalifa chatted with Metro about the project.

"It's a dream come true to be able to work with Snoop. It just came together so naturally."
WIZ KHALIFA

How was it to work on Mac and Devin with Snoop?
It's a dream come true to be able to work with Snoop. It just came together so naturally. It's like your O.G. just saying, "Yeah, you can come hang out with me." It worked for both of us. We're both inspired by each other. We wanted to do the movie and the soundtrack so that everyone else could have as much fun as we do.

With the serious tone that we have been seeing in the world lately, do you think there is room for that fun vibe?
Absolutely. At the end of the day, people want to be able to experience everything. You can't just wake up and be business all day. You can't be rock 'n' roll all day either. You have to slow it down and take it to different zones.

In the movie your character comes out of his shell. Does that mimic your real life?
Not really. [Laughs] I think the movie shows a different side of me though. The less braggadocious side. The calm me that I really was in high school. Not as nerdy or dorky.

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▶ Wiz Khalifa is teaming up with mentor Snoop Dogg for a new stoner comedy called Mac and Devin Go To High School.

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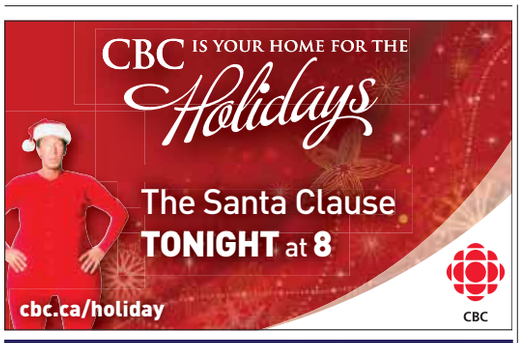
Cornell's got a 'pretty fulfilling feeling'

Frontman enjoying solo life with new live CD, but preps return to Soundgarden Album includes Zeppelin, Lennon covers



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Chris Cornell is just a man and his guitar, and for the time being, he absolutely loves it.

The former Audioslave and Soundgarden frontman has been wowing audiences on tour with his high octane, acoustic show. Last month, Cornell released Songbook, a live collection of his solo performances that represents a wide swath of his own work, as well as some of his favourite cover tunes.

They include Led Zeppelin's Thank You and John Lennon's Imagine. Another popular track, Michael Jackson's Billie Jean, was not included on the album, but is performed regularly.

Although Cornell is relishing life as a solo artist, it won't last long: Cornell and the rest of Soundgarden are finishing up their new album, due out in the spring.

Cornell spoke to The Associated Press about his Soundgarden reunion and his Songbook album.

Tell me about the solo tour and the live album.

I did an acoustic tour called the Songbook Tour which started me doing a world tour of acoustic shows. Somewhere in the middle of it, it felt like a special thing. It has mostly to do with the room and the audience. I just had some really amazing experiences live and decided it would be great to pick some of those songs and put them out.

And Soundgarden is getting back together?

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Chris Cornell

Being able to have Soundgarden back together again at this point in my life is a hugely fulfilling thing, particularly with the things that I started to end up doing in a solo career, with moving more toward kind of fulfilling that promise of doing acoustic music ... just the contrast of doing my solo career that way and at the same time being in Soundgarden and all of what Soundgarden is, is a pretty fulfilling feeling.

Why did the band break up?

I don't think we were really very good at the big version of band business. We were really good at the small one. We were very self-sufficient in the beginning and as an indie band, we were very capable that way of everything. As it became big business, we, I think, we really had kind of a disdain for dealing with the day-to-day nuts and bolts of keeping that all together and being in charge of it. As we became less in charge of it as a group, I think it became less fun for us as well. ... It wasn't us at the helm necessarily anymore. That was the defining factor that caused us to be a part.

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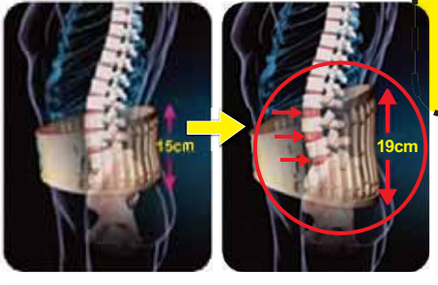

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Sorting out the naughty from the nice

This year's holiday releases are a mixed bag Michael Bublé flirts with Santa, a Stone Temple Pilot gets into reggae and jazz and Gaga wants a white snowman Read on as Metro helps you sort through the music

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN BOSTON

Michael Bublé, Christmas

Naughty: The biggest problem with this album is that once you hear it, you'll have to admit that you like Michael Bublé. But if the people you're telling have heard Christmas, then they'll go easy on you.

Nice: Bublé is silly, classy, and so right on-key. Plus, he re-imagines almost every song on this album. Sure, it's a little weird to hear Santa Baby as a vaguely homoerotic May/December come-on, but his torch song treatment of Mariah Carey's All I Want For Christmas Is You unearths a real longing that's missing in Mimi's version.

She & Him, A Very She & Him Christmas

Naughty: M. Ward's guitar playing is as beautiful as ever and Zooey Deschanel's voice is like the moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow, but it would be nice if there was at least one original track to spice up this 12-song collection. If you're not listening closely to them playing these standards, you might think you're listening to one really long song.

Nice: She & Him switch the she and him roles on Baby It's Cold Outside, so Zooey Deschanel is the one persuading M. Ward to stay just a little bit longer. This long overdue update makes the 1936 song about 50 per cent less date-rapey.

Glee: The Music, The Christmas Album Vol. 2

Naughty: This album is full of covers, sung with a self-seriousness that brings out the Grinch in us. In Do They Know It's Christmas, when the cast sings the "thank God it's them instead of you" line, we couldn't help but say that exact same thing — then we went and sought out the original version. They keep trying, but no Glee cover has surpassed an original.

Nice: Extraordinary Merry Christmas is like a snow man sugar cookie. It's sweet and you want more of it. But it would taste a lot better if Kelly Clarkson were serving it to us.

Lady Gaga, A Very Gaga Holiday

Naughty: This four-song EP, culled from her A Very Gaga Thanksgiving TV special, is only 25 per cent seasonal.

Nice: Only Mother Monster would have the audacity to add another verse to White Christmas. It's a stupid verse about her "dreaming of a white snowman," but it's kind of funny and her voice is right on.

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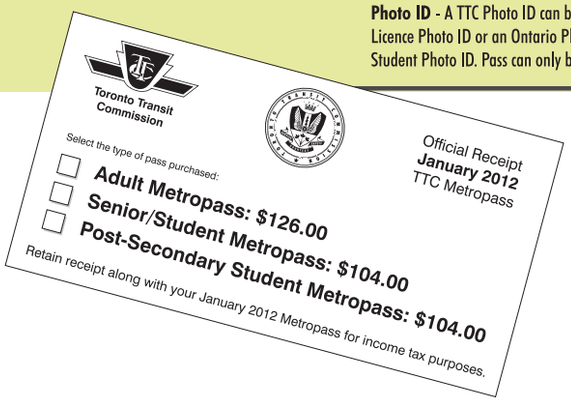

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Mariah Carey & John Legend, When Christmas Comes

Naughty: This song from Mariah's 2010 album, Merry Christmas II You, was rolled out as a single last month. With its department store horns and not-so-smooth R&B groove, the tune sounds like it was recorded

for a made-for-basic-cable-television movie. There are little sleigh bells in the recording and the lyrics are cringe-worthy, with lines like "I can't wait to unwrap your love," mixed with a light "Jesus is the reason for the season" reference.
Nice: The album artwork is actually pretty cool, made to look like a well-worn record cover in the tradition of the Carpenters.

Scott Weiland, The Most Wonderful Time of the Year

Naughty: The first half of this album finds the Stone Temple Pilots singer sounding like a drunk who would be featured on the gag-reel of the American Idol auditions episodes.
Nice: As the album goes along, Weiland sobers up, finds his footing and dresses up standards like What Child Is This and O Holy Night in jazzy and island rhythms, respectively.

Eldridge Rodriguez, Christmas on the Allston-Brighton Line

Naughty: The major downfall of this three-song EP is that it's only a three-song EP.
Nice: The way that E.R. integrates pre-existing holiday

lines into his originals is effortless. "I've got my records on, but all I play is Silent Night," he sings on Baby I'm Alone Tonight (Christmas Time). And though his narrator is certainly having a blue Christmas, there's a playfulness to the presentation, evident from the title of the song Christmas Eve (At Old Country Buffet).

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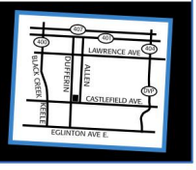

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From humble beginnings

Black Box Revelation is finding that their hard work is starting to pay off Find out how they did it

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If all goes to plan, by the end of this month, Black Box Revelation will have a bona fide album released in North America.

In the meantime, the pair's Shiver of Joy EP is out on all formats, including limited-edition coloured vinyl; just in time for them to capitalize on it during their tour with Beady Eye.

"It's cool to have our music out here in the States and in our hands. I like it when you can open it up and see what's inside. Like Christmas presents, no?" vocalist and guitarist Jan Paternoster says. "It shows that the label is enthusiastic."

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The Belgian garage rock duo's 2007 debut, Set Your Head On Fire, fell foul to label troubles and last year's Silver Threads was only issued on iTunes.

"Getting your music on iTunes, it's not that hard to do," Paternoster says.

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▶ Black Box Revelation will finally see a proper album release in North America.

Shiver of Joy collects old and new songs from the forthcoming My Perception LP and reveals strong American roots: Ramonesy rawness, early Strokes sultriness and, on the beautiful rambling closing epic Sealed With Thorns, a hint of the group Television.

"We've been playing for five years now; we've got more experience. Because of that, we started improvising more, especially in that song. You hear it in the end. We just kept on playing and playing and didn't care how long a song is supposed to be. It was about a great moment."

Paternoster

Black Box Revelation spent most of 2011 recording and touring in the U.S.

Paternoster quote: "We recorded the new album in Los Angeles with Alain Johannes," Paternoster says, referring to the producer. "We had a really amazing time with him, playing music and recording when we felt like it. Sealed With Thorns was recorded there. For us, it's more important to catch the moment and get a good vibe in the song."

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Louis C.K.'s faith in humanity pays off

Comedian makes money on online video he put up for people to steal — or voluntarily buy for five dollars

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Comedian Louis C.K. is a trusting guy. So trusting, that he made his most recent concert video, Live at the Beacon Theater, available for downloading for just five bucks. He also did not give it any copyright protection, opening the door for unlimited pirating and sharing. On Thursday morning, Louis posted this message on his website: "The show went on sale at noon on Saturday, December 10th. 12 hours later, we had over 50,000 purchases and had earned $250,000, breaking even on the cost of production and website. As of Today, we've sold over 110,000 copies for a total of over $500,000. Minus some money for PayPal charges etc, I have a profit around $200,000 (after taxes $75.58). This is less than I would have been paid by a large company to simply perform the show and let them sell it to you, but they would have charged you about $20 for the video. They would have given you an encrypted and regionally restricted video of limited value, and they would have owned your private information for their own use. They would have withheld international availability indefinitely. This way, you only paid $5, you can use the video any way you want, and you can watch it in Dublin, whatever the city is in Belgium, or Dubai. I got paid nice, and I still own the video (as do you). You never have to join anything, and you never have to hear from us again. I really hope people keep buying it a lot, so I can have s— loads of money, but at this point I think we can safely say that the experiment really worked. If anybody stole it, it wasn't many of you. Pretty much everybody bought it. And so now we all get to know that about people and stuff."

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A celebrity brew road trip

The Craft beer movement has been instrumental in cultivating hyper-local varieties with novel and robust flavour profiles as well as rekindling lager fever.

What some may deem a less seemly byproduct is the budding celebrity brew trend. Hanson, the pop trio who briefly ruled the airwaves in the late '90s with bubbly hooks and hoppy energy are entering the beer market with MMMHop IPA. Their Indian Pale Ale will be released in early 2012 and is the biggest thing to happen to the brothers this decade since their cameo in Katy Perry's Last Friday Night video. While many celebrities have forayed into viticulture — Yao Ming and Dave Matthews are the most recent celebs to bounce into the grape game — the beer bandwagon remains the short bus.

Let's roll out the barrel for these glamorous brewmeisters.

Tebrew: The Sunday Sipper

Tim Tebow, the quarterback who wears his faith on his sleeve and is best known for fervently leading the Broncos in perpetuating gridiron miracles in the dying minutes of the fourth-quarter, provided the inspiration for Tebrew, a strong Barley-wine style beer.

Bonfire Brewery, the unrepentant Colorado brewer behind this latest addition to Tebowmania posted a label for the brand on their Facebook page with a silhouette of a man "Tebowing."

For those who have ignored the media cycle for the past three months, Tim's namesake verb refers to the act of being down on one knee with your head bowed in prayer.

Ad Speak: A high-octane beer that gets better as you drink it down. Occasionally bringing you to a knee in appreciation.

Get it: Eagle, Colorado.

Kid Rock's Badass American Lager

While the genre-hopping, aging playboy seems to have matured into a wistful country rocker, he can still Bawitdaba da bang a dang diggy diggy when he wants to.

Kid Rock launched Badass in July of 2009 in time for a couple of concert dates at Detroit's Comerica Park. It was Inbev's acquisition of Anheuser-Busch that triggered the idea.

Kid Rock felt the takeover left a gaping hole in American beer pride with Budweiser falling under Belgium ownership.

A light and refreshing, easy-down-the-hatch summery lager, Badass fits Kid Rock as well as refried Lynyrd Skynyrd lyrics, or that black fedora that always seems to be glued to his head.

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KISS Destroyer Beer

Outside of music, frontman Gene Simmons and his partners in rock 'n' roll are as celebrated for their entrepreneurial acumen as their monster riffs.

KISS' Midas mitts are into everything from caskets to contraceptives to coffee shops, so it should be no surprise that the old school shock rockers have brewed up a pils for their hardcore fans.

If you prefer a glass of wine, KISS has got you covered there too with their Zin Fire Wine, a 2010 California Zinfandel that has notes of blackberry and pepper.

In case you're thinking this is probably just generic swill they slapped their name on, Paul Stanley begs to differ.

"This isn't just something we put a label on," posted the KISS singer/rhythm guitarist on the band's Facebook page.

"We wanted wine and beer unique to KISS and we got it. This stuff will set your tastebuds on fire."

Ad Speak: An easy-to-drink beer in the best German tradition.

Get it: Sweden, Norway, Finland and Australia.

Frank Thomas' Big Hurt Beer

Ever wonder how Frank Thomas got his colourful nickname? "The Big Hurt" stuck with him due to the crushing pain he would inflict on baseballs during his many tape-measure home runs.

The White Sox legend, who also spent a short stint with the Blue Jays in the twilight of his career, amassed 521 home runs and 1704 RBI's over his 19 seasons in the big leagues.

His time in Toronto must have rubbed off as the heavy hitter has described his beer as having a Canadian feel that can sneak up on you. With seven per cent alcohol, if you take too many big swigs you may need your own DH, er ... designated driver to get you back home.

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How does this list look Babs?

Barbara Walters has her annual 10 Most Fascinating People list We've flipped the script with a Least Influential list

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Barbara Walters' list of 10 Most Fascinating People of 2011 has arrived, and while many of us might be less than impressed by her choices, that says less about the "fascinating people" themselves and more about our reality TV-obsessed culture as a whole.

Perhaps what's more sad than this list of "fascinating" people is the notion that America is probably fascinated by the 10 individuals Babs chose.

The full list consists of The Kardashians, Simon Cowell, Jesse Tyler Ferguson and Eric Stonestreet, Derek Jeter, Donald Trump, Katy Perry and Pippa Middleton.

Even Walters herself admitted that her decision to include the Kardashians over other public figures was "controversial."

"You don't really act. You don't sing. You don't dance," Walters began. "You don't have any — forgive me — any talent."

Kim spoke up, defending her family's right to fame.

Having talent is overrated, she said: "It's more of a challenge for you to go on a reality show and get people to fall in love with you for being you."

Ugh. Perhaps we can propose a counter list of 2011's 10 Least Influential People.

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▶ Barbara Walters

1

Charlie Sheen

After quite a ruckus at the start of 2011 for his shenanigans and bizarre behaviour, Sheen is no longer "WINNING." (Unless you consider making it onto this list of Least Influential People winning, but you shouldn't!)

2

Harold Camping

Otherwise known as the Doomsday Prophet of 2011, Camping predicted that on May 21, Christ would return to Earth, the righteous would fly up to heaven and that five months of fire, brimstone and plagues would follow. On May 21, if you don't remember, that actually did not happen.

3

Whitney Cummings

While many of us can appreciate a TV show that's "so bad it's good" Cummings' self-titled sitcom is the kind of show that's just so-bad-it-just-hangs-there-lifeless-and-boring.

4

Nicole Scherzinger

While moonlighting as a reality show judge has reinvigorated the careers of stars such as Jennifer Lopez and Steven Tyler, that is not the case with Nicole Scherzinger, the most generic woman in television.

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Danielle Staub

Staub may be the only celebrity whose career has been hurt, not helped, by a celebrity sex tape. The former Real Housewives of New Jersey star has disappeared from the media since her rude video got out. Where has she gone?

6

Mariah Yeater

The California woman got 15 minutes in the spotlight for falsely claiming that pop star Justin Bieber impregnated her, which probably was what she wanted all along.

7

Jeff Ashton

Florida DA Jeff Ashton not only failed to get Casey Anthony convicted, he also plans to write a book about losing the case. Way to cash in your self-respect.

8

Hosni Mubarak

2011 was the year of fallen Middle Eastern dictatorships, and Mubarak really set the bar low by falling after only 18 days of protests. After being Egypt's "president" for 30 years, Mubarak went from standing his ground to "Fine, I'm on my way out" rather quickly.

9

Sean Monagle

Never heard of him? Well, Monagle, along with his engineering classmates, designed a pen that can identify prenatal diseases early, accurately and far more cost-effectively than other methods — a discovery that could help prevent the combined 6.3 million worldwide deaths each year from pregnancy and childbirth complications. Bet you feel bad right now, don't you?

10

U.S. President Barack Obama

Sure, he did order the raid that captured Osama Bin Laden and (technically) ended the war in Iraq among other things, but all everyone wants to talk about is the endless parade of Republican candidates for President. Can't a Prez catch a break?

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Who says there's nothing good on TV?

Star-packed series from Debra Messing, Don Cheadle and Kiefer Sutherland heat TV's winter lineup And Charlie Sheen set to return to the small screen

The new year promises a wave of returning TV favourites and buzzy rookie series, with most of the big U.S. networks expected to roll out ambitious, star-packed fare that includes a comedy with Don Cheadle and Kristen Bell, a slick musical drama from Debra Messing and Anjelica Huston, a new thriller starring Kiefer Sutherland and the return of bad boy Charlie Sheen.

The big broadcasters typically unleash their hottest shows in the fall but they've saved a lot of sizzle for the colder months of the year, says Barbara Williams, Shaw Media's senior vice president of content who oversees programming for channels including Global, Showcase and History Television.

"Right across the board you're seeing very big, powerful series coming in the midseason."

"You can't expect viewers to just be there with you in the fall and then hang in through repeats and stuff and then be back with you again in the fall. Our viewers are more demanding that."

Big titles across the dial include the Cheadle-led ensemble comedy House of Lies, a Showtime series bound for Canada's Movie Central/The Movie Network on Jan. 9.

"We've called it our staff pick internally — we're pretty excited about that one," says Maria Hale, head of TV programming and production for Corus, which oversees Movie Central/HBO Canada.

"It has a great cast, first and foremost. And it's looking at the business of management consulting from sort of a comedic reality perspective. I think that's going to make it quite engaging."

And speculation is high on whether Lost mastermind J.J. Abrams can strike TV gold again with his upcoming time-travelling mind-bender, Alcatraz.

Comparisons to his island-bound hit are inevitable, with Lost star Jorge Garcia and Lost writer Elizabeth Sarnoff also on board the new project. The sprawling Vancouver-shot mystery debuts Jan. 16 on Citytv and Fox with a two-hour premiere that sets up an eerie premise: an Alcatraz prisoner who died 30 years ago suddenly reappears, youthful as ever.

Meanwhile, Messing stars in NBC's Broadway serial Smash, also airing on CTV, but this is no happy-go-lucky Glee-inspired crowd-pleaser.

The mature drama centres on a songwriting duo who attempt to mount a Marilyn Monroe musical while wrestling with marital woes. An A-list cast includes Huston, Broadway stars Brian d'Arcy James, Megan Hilty and Christian Borle and American Idol near-winner Katharine McPhee as a young ingenue.

Meanwhile, Sheen returns to CTV with the FX show Anger Management, based on the hit film of the same name. No air date has been set in Canada but FX has said they expect to make a U.S. debut in the summer.

Even though Anger Management is bound for an edgy specialty channel south of the border, Cosentino says it's been pitched as a broad comedy suitable for CTV.

"I have a lot of detail on the series bible and everything else, enough to get us comfortable from a creative and a concept point of view," he says of the show, set to return Sheen to prime time after his sensational ousting from Two and a Half Men, also on CTV.

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▶ Mad Men is also back on TV in 2012. Pictured is cast member Christina Hendricks.

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▶ The gang from 30 Rock will be back in the new year: Alec Baldwin as Jack Donaghy, left, Tina Fey as Liz Lemon and Tracy Morgan as Tracy Jordan.

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The story behind Spears' engagement

Couple celebrates happy news with their closest paparazzi and publicists

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▶ Jason Trawick and Britney Spears

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Thanks to giving up the reigns to her life to a court-appointed conservatorship (her father and a lawyer) and, well, I'm just guessing here, some big pharma mood-stabilizers, I believe Britney Spears is in a much happier and healthier head space than she's ever been.

It actually "seems" like things are back to normal for the star/robot. Which is why it's surprising to see her engagement to boyfriend and former agent Jason Trawick come across as the most orchestrated news item since Kim Kardashian's wedding.

After all, "normal" mega-watt celebrities keep things like this private; only the ones with something to prove try to force it down our throats.

On Thursday, the two got engaged. And then they celebrated that engagement — and Trawick's 40th birthday — in Las Vegas on Friday night. And, wouldn't you know it? An army of photographers and publicists were at the ready.

They followed them through each perfectly-crafted event — from the two of them checking in to Planet Hollywood, then having dinner at Sugar Factory American Brasserie, to dancing at the Chateau nightclub (notice all of that product placement? I'm sure they all paid a pretty penny for this). The whole night was completely packaged for our enjoyment.

Sure, out of everything that Spears has been through, a formulated engagement is nothing.

It's just kind of sad that this living doll can't be a real person who celebrates real milestones authentically.

Does Cruise have a man crush on David Beckham?

Tom Cruise has his eye on a new co-star, telling the Daily Mirror that he would "love to do action movies with [David] Beckham."

But before turning his athletic pal into a movie star, Cruise wants something too: "David would have to teach me how to play soccer first," he says.

Cruise even has a type of role in mind, saying that Beckham "would make a great baddie."

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David Beckham

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A crafty Christmas

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There are loads of good reasons for doing Christmas crafting: It's easy and cheap to make gifts and decorations from things you already have in the house, it's something fun to do when the weather's bad, and it keeps them out of the shops where they'd only nag you for the latest Harry Potter Lego set.

Christmas crafting is not just a practical way of whiling away cold winter afternoons, though. It offers a nice excuse for parents to spend quality time playing with their kids and creating festive rituals that bond the family together for years to come, from decorating the tree as a family to baking biscuits for grandma.

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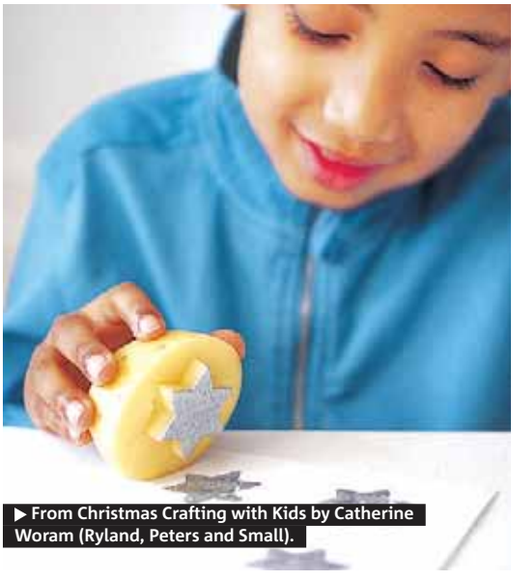

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Greeting cards can be made with plain cardboard and a variety of stencils, felt shapes, stamps, pencils and glitter glue. It's even easier for your kids to make wrapping paper. And toddlers will love getting messy while printing the paper before wrapping gifts with it, especially if they get to completely unravel the sticky tape.

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- Plain white paper

Preparation:

1. Cut the potato in half, making sure the surface of the potato is as flat as possible. Place the cookie cutter on a cutting board with the sharp edge facing upwards. Press the potato firmly down onto the cutter, leaving the cookie cutter standing proud of the cut surface of the potato by about 5mm, so you can cut round it.
2. Ask an adult to cut away the edges of the potato using a sharp knife. This needs to be done very carefully, to ensure the star shape is as clear as possible. Press the potato down onto a dry cloth or piece of kitchen paper to remove any excess moisture, which can make the paint watery.
3. Pour the paint into a saucer and use the end of the sponge paint roller to apply the paint to the star shape. Don't apply too much paint to the potato as this will make the design bleed. If you have applied too much paint, gently blot the potato on kitchen paper to remove the excess.
4. Begin printing. To ensure the design prints clearly, use a gentle rocking motion, moving the potato from side to side without lifting it from the paper. This will apply the paint evenly even if the cut surface of the potato is not flat. Continue to print the stars at evenly-spaced intervals. Allow the paint to dry completely.

Make festive gifts. Chocolate truffles

▶ From Christmas Cooking with Kids by Annie Rigg (Ryland, Peters and Small).

Easy homemade gifts include scented orange pomanders made by sticking cloves into an orange, potted indoor-flowering bulbs, all-spice biscuits and peppermint creams. Or try truffles – you'll have to help out but they're easy to make and your kids will enjoy rolling them in different coatings and boxing them up.

Ingredients:

- 50g unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 75g light brown soft sugar
- 150ml double cream
- 175g dark chocolate

Toppings:

- 150g milk or dark chocolate, chopped
- Chocolate sprinkles
- Cocoa powder
- Edible silver balls
- Chopped nuts (hazelnuts or flaked almonds)

Preparation:

1. Ask an adult to help you put the butter, sugar and cream in a saucepan over a low heat. Leave until it comes to the boil and the sugar has melted.
2. Break the chocolate into small pieces and tip into a heatproof bowl. Carefully pour the melted butter mixture over the chocolate and sir until the chocolate is melted, smooth and shiny. Leave to cool, then cover with clingfilm and chill in the fridge until it's firm.
3. Making one truffle at a time, scoop a teaspoonful of the chocolate mixture and roll quickly between your hands into a ball. Place on a baking tray lined with baking parchment.
4. For the toppings, ask an adult to help you put the chocolate in a heatproof bowl over a pan of simmering water or in the microwave on a low setting. Stir very carefully until it has melted. Leave to cool slightly.
5. Sprinkle each of your chosen toppings (cocoa powder, chopped chocolate, sprinkles, edible silver balls, chopped nuts) onto a separate plate.
6. Scoop a teaspoonful of the melted chocolate into the palm of your hand and roll one truffle at a time into it to coat completely.
7. Roll in one of the toppings. Repeat with the remaining truffles and leave to set on the baking tray before serving or packing in a pretty box.

Lead warning

Health Canada is offering a reminder to shoppers who see children's jewelry on a wish list this holiday season.

It notes that high levels of lead and cadmium can be found in a wide variety of children's jewelry products sold in Canada, and kids can ingest harmful amounts of the metals if they chew, suck on or swallow the items.

The metals are toxic to children even at low levels of exposure.

There is minimal lead absorption through the skin, so merely wearing the jewelry doesn't present a serious risk to health.

Adult jewelry can also contain these metals and children should not be permitted to play with it or put it in their mouths.

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Holiday festivities can cause sensory overload for people with dementia.

Be safe, be eco-conscious

Shovelling snow causes heart attacks every year And snow blowers aren't exactly friendly on the environment So, what to do?

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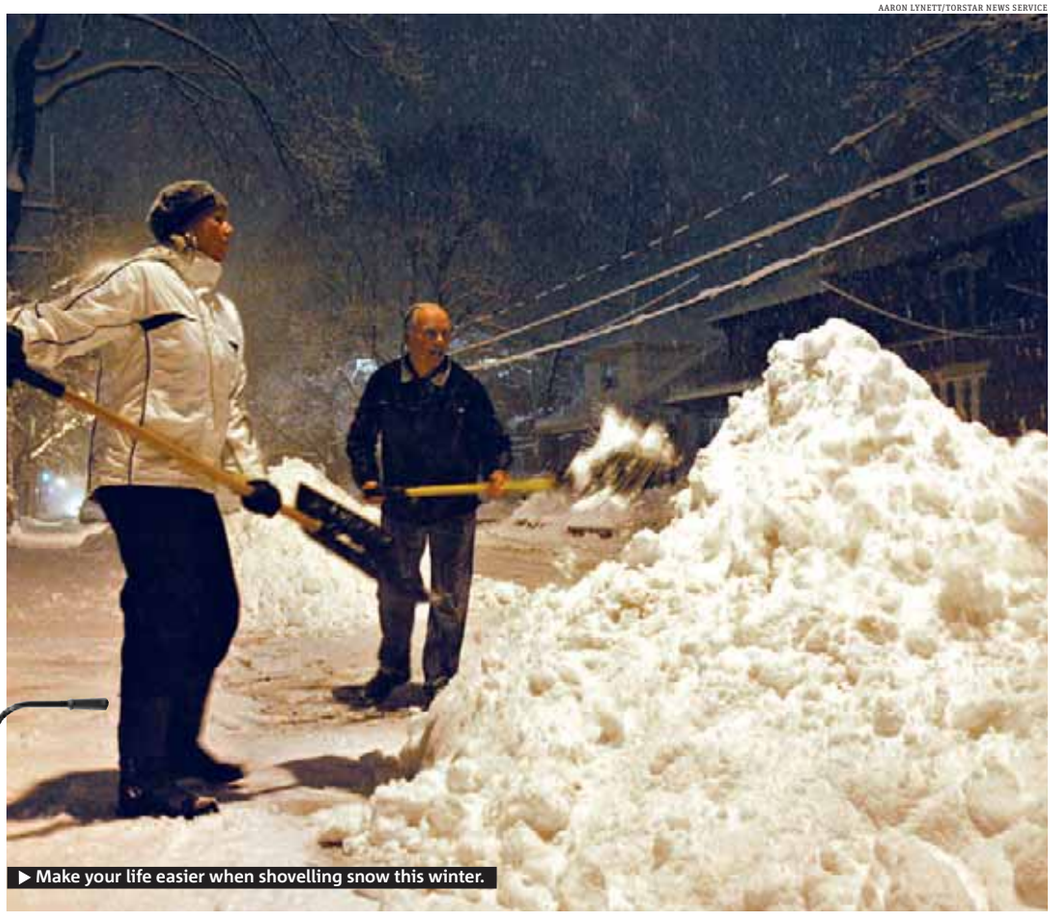

Make your life easier when shovelling snow this winter.

Shovelling snow is a pain in the back. The pushing, the lifting … the throwing.

Yes, a snow shovel is green and eco-friendly. It doesn't chew up power like electric or gas-powered snow blowers.

But injuries are a real risk — and clearing snow can be fatal, as well.

The Canadian Heart & Stroke Foundation estimates that over 16,000 Canadians die of heart attacks every year.

The Huffington Post has reported snow shovelling accounts for less than half of one per cent of fatal coronaries, but that's around 50 Canadians — annually — who go out to clear their snow, and never come back.

Snow blowers are an obvious alternative. But they have an environmental impact — fossil fuel-powered ones especially.

"These blowers emit a ton of carbon emissions that pollute the air," notes Trish Smith, a popular blogger at greenopolis.com.

"(They) also use gasoline that can eventually wind up in our streams or in our soil, and that's no way treat our earth."

So is there a way to build a better shovel?

There's a broad variety of ergonomic snow shovels on the market.

The Sno Wovel

Some have bent handles designed to ease the strain of lifting.

Others use wide blades and conjoined double handles to distribute and minimize physical stress.

And then there's the Sno Wovel — wovel.com — an innovative invention that combines a traditional shovel with a wheel.

"It's not only more efficient — there's a three-quarters reduction in exertion — but this takes the real pain out of shovelling, greatly reducing exertion and the risk of injury," says Mark Noonan, president of Nootools, who's been making and marketing Sno Wovels for the past six years.

Traditional shovels focus most of the physical force of lifting and throwing snow on the small of your back.

Adding a wheel moves the fulcrum away from the spine and onto the axle, cutting down on jarring and twisting.

"The shovel blade is actually angled at 45 degrees," Noonan adds. "That helps you throw more forward."

Shovelling snow is one of those rare cases where the greener solution can be significantly more dangerous than the power-burning alternatives.

Perhaps the best solution is to carefully consider all the alternatives — and always remember to be careful.

Local snowfall

Check it out Toronto:

Snow According to The Weather Network, over the past 30 years it has snowed in Toronto an average of 42 days per year. The single-day record snowfall — 48 cm — fell on December 11, 1944.

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POWERING A CHANGE IN THINKING OVER BATTERIES

Where in Winnipeg can I dispose of batteries? *Cynthia of Winnipeg*

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Dispose might as well be a four-letter word.

I know you really mean recycle. And recycling batteries has never been easier.

London Drugs stores in Western Canada, including Winnipeg, have committed to recycling batteries — single-use and rechargeable.

Check out their in-store recycling program, which also accepts packaging, cellphones, cameras, and small appliances (purchased at London Drugs).

Recycling fees might apply to items not purchased from the store.

Two excellent battery recycling know-it-all websites are Call2Recycle.ca and Earth911.com.

Just enter your postal code into their online drop-off locator.

You'll get a list of locations near you, ranked by proximity, with complete contact information and a map.

There's also no charge to recycle batteries from things like your remote control, cordless power tools, or calculator.

Next, make the switch to rechargeable batteries. Maximize their use by reading the instructions carefully.

It sounds obvious, but each product has specific guidelines when it comes to charging a battery for the first time.

A big no-no is returning a fully charged battery to the charger for an extra boost. This will only shorten its lifespan.

Also never leave batteries in your charger if they're not actually charging. Don't forget to recycle your rechargeable batteries when they're done.

And keep your eyes open for battery recycling drop-off boxes. The last one I saw was in my neighbourhood pharmacy.

Pockets of festive goodness

These Turkey Pocket Pies are a delicious way to truly get your appetizers looking like they belong in a Christmas season table spread

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▶ This recipe makes six servings and they can easily be decorated to make them festive.

These festive pastries are ideal for an appetizer before an elegant dinner or as canapes to serve with wine to guests who drop by during the festive season.

If the dough gets too warm while preparing the pies, refrigerate it for 15 minutes before baking.

Use any leftover dough to cut out shapes to decorate the top of the pocket pies. Brush the back of the dough shapes with milk or egg wash to affix to pie and bake as directed.

Ingredients:

- 2 frozen deep-dish pie shells
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) finely chopped leftover turkey
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) cranberry sauce
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) grated cheddar cheese
- Pepper, to taste
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) milk

Preparation:

1. Preheat oven to 200 C (400 F). Remove pie shells from freezer and let thaw at room temperature for 10 minutes.
2. Remove pie shells from foil onto clean, flat, lightly floured work surface. If cracks appear in pastry, press together and repair using fingers moistened with water.
3. Cut out 6 shapes from each pie shell using a 7-by-10-cm (2 3/4-by-4-inch) cookie cutter. Set any leftover dough aside.
4. In bowl, combine turkey, cranberry sauce, cheese and pepper. Divide mixture evenly among 6 cut-outs, mounding in centre and leaving a 5-mm (1/4-inch) border and top with remaining cut-outs. Gently press edges together and crimp with a fork. Brush tops lightly with milk and bake for 12 to 15 minutes or until pastry is golden. Let pies rest for 10 minutes before serving. **THE CANADIAN PRESS/ TENDERFLAKE**

Rose Reisman's Swap It

Veggie dips are a standard during the holiday party season. With a wide variety of flavours, some may seem healthy but be careful because names can be deceiving.

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Quiche saves dinner on busy nights

The season is full of shopping, decorating, gift wrapping and entertaining This meal is quick and filling

With a pre-made pastry crust and the frozen veggies you have in the freezer, you can have a simple and quick quiche ready to enjoy with a crunchy green salad.

Ingredients:

- 1 frozen pie crust
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) unsalted butter
- 250 ml (1 cup) shredded frozen hash browns
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 250 ml (1 cup) frozen Mediterranean-style vegetables
- 250 ml (1 cup) shredded cheddar cheese
- Pinch each salt and pepper
- Hot pepper sauce, to taste

Preparation:

1. Prepare pie crust according to package directions. Set aside and let cool.
2. In flat-bottomed frying pan, melt butter and cook hash browns until crisp and golden. Remove from heat.
3. In a large bowl, mix together eggs, frozen vegetables, cheddar cheese, salt and pepper. Add cooled hash browns and mix.
4. Pour egg mixture into cooled pie shell and bake in 190 C (375 F) oven for 35 to 40 minutes until golden brown. Using oven mitts, remove from oven and serve.

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THIS RECIPE WAS ADAPTED FOR METRO NEWS BY EMILY RICHARDS, A PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR AND A TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA.

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Mediterranean Quiche

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Home(work) for the holidays

Celebrating the season sans family is a reality that many students across the country will face this year

Amongst the frantic last-minute trips to the mall and the consumption of Advent chocolate and eggnog, it's easy to forget one of the joys of the holidays: spending time with family.

Yet, for many across the country, namely students who study out of province or even out of country, being home for the holidays isn't an option.

Spiked airline costs and limited downtime are a few of the reasons some generation Yers are forgoing Christmas reunions to become holiday orphans. And for others, like Andrea Nunes of Vancouver, spending this time of year with the family is about as enticing as standing in a long lineup at the post office.

"I have sentimental feelings about Christmas itself but they're not really about my family," said the Emily Carr University office assistant. "My family against the backdrop of Christmas can't help but bring up all these seething, burning resentments from Christmases pasts."

"Taking the two weeks to go back halfway across the world wouldn't really make sense. If you don't think about (being away from your family) you don't get sad. So I don't think about it."
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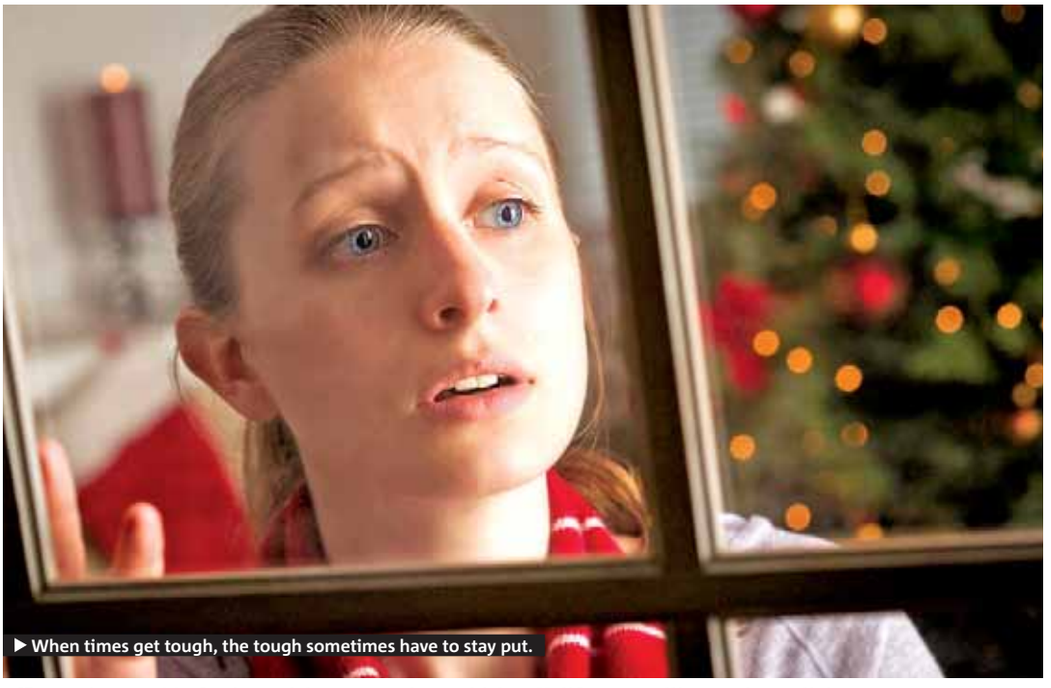

▶ When times get tough, the tough sometimes have to stay put.

After her grandmother passed away when Nunes was a teenager, things in her family "broke down" to the point that her mother cancelled Christmas one year.

It's since become a mutual agreement among all family members not to celebrate together, which she thinks is "pretty great."

Nunes still acknowledges the holiday, and usually uses the time to bake. She also makes a point of calling her family members on Christmas Day.

"It doesn't make me feel sad, it makes me feel relieved," she said.

For Meelashini Auaduer, a third-year commerce student at Dalhousie University in Halifax, travelling to her home country of Malaysia during the holidays isn't a logical decision.

"Taking the two weeks to go back halfway across the world wouldn't really make sense," said the 21-year-old.

The fact that her family doesn't celebrate Christmas "softens the blow." Instead, she feels those pangs of sadness during the end of October, when her family celebrates Deepavali, the festival of lights.

Still, Auaduer insists she never feels alone during the holidays, and spends them travelling to Montreal or Toronto, or having a potluck with other Malaysian friends.

"If you don't think about (being away from your family) you don't get sad," she said. "So I don't think about it."

And yet many foreign students still manage to come together over the holidays. Moses Richu, a third-year University of British Columbia student from Kenya, said celebrating Christmas away encourages you to develop new traditions and customs with people from different parts of the world.

"You get 10, 20 guys together and you start explaining how it works and you learn so much from each other," he said. "It's like a huge room full of culture." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Deck the halls

Some universities actively make an effort to accommodate their students who don't have anywhere to go over the holidays.

For the past 12 years, Concordia University in Montreal has hosted a dinner soirée. The school invites all of its 4,700 foreign students, and the first 300 to respond are treated to a three-course meal.

"We target international students as a way to make them feel at home and spread the season's good cheer and try to help them feel the good cheer," said Scott McCulloch with the Advancement and Alumni Relations department, which organizes the dinner along with the school's Alumni Association.

An education on 'education'

Renowned author Philip W. Jackson searches for deeper meaning in a much-used word

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At 83, Philip W. Jackson has authored dozens of books on education philosophy, including the 1968 classic Life in Classrooms, still used by education majors around the globe.

What Is Education? marks his return to the basic questions he pondered half a century ago, beginning with his initial fascination with seminal American education theorist, John Dewey.

How has your philosophy of education evolved since you first encountered Dewey?

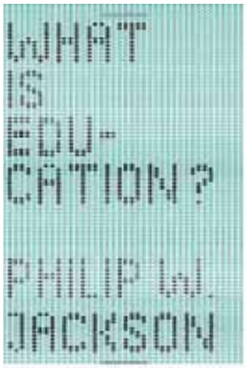
I read Dewey's 1938 (What Is Education?) speech when I was training to become a teacher. It puzzled me because he was addressing professional educators, and he implored them to consider that basic question.

I started to look at Dewey's early training as a philosopher. He was a Hegelian. So I tried to take Hegel seriously, and I eventually became more of a Hegelian than Dewey.

We hear a lot about the United States falling behind other countries in education.

The comparisons that are made — which place us unfavourably, according to some, on the international yardstick — do so only in subjects that are very easily measurable. It's in those subjects that the other nations are beating us, as it were. But we've been worried about that recurrently.

I feel that's unfortunate. It's shortsighted. Are we really helping our students become more thoughtful, better civic citizens? Are we helping them to become wiser,



rather than just full of information? Those are more interesting questions.

Building from the ground up

A holiday season spent in jail led to a true turning point for this now successful construction foreman

Tony Kokol is currently working on constructing the Fresh Start Recovery Centre building in Calgary.

TURNING POINT

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Four years ago, Tony Kokol sat in a Federal Penitentiary having Christmas dinner with his Mom and Dad.

A life of recreational drug use had spun into addiction and some bad life choices put him behind bars.

"It got to the point where I lost everything; my career, health, credit and relationship. I realized, 'Oh my God, I've hit bottom.'"

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TONY KOKOL, FOREMAN AND SOON-TO-BE ADDICTIONS COUNSELLOR

Fresh Start Recovery Centre in Calgary proved to be a turning point in Tony's life.

He cleaned up, got into the construction business and worked his way up to foreman on Fresh Start's new facility. Now with the new building on the verge of being completed, Tony is training to become an addictions counsellor.

"My life is full and great. I'm blessed to be surrounded by people who have my back.

Every time I walk through our new building it validates the journey that I'm on."

Tony recently went out for lunch with his Mom. As she reached out to hug her son he realized how far he had come since that Christmas in jail four years ago.

"I put a smile on my mother's heart."

Recovery toolbox - Finding help near you

- Fresh Start Recovery Centre **403 387-6266**
- Turning Point Detox Centre **1 877 523-8369**
- Alcoholics Anonymous - **aa.org**
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Leafs preview

Los Angeles at Toronto, 7 p.m. TV: Sportsnet

Toronto (16-13-3) and Los Angeles (14-14-4) both have two wins in their last eight games. The Kings were pummelled 8-2 in Detroit on Saturday, bringing their record to 1-2 under interim coach John Stevens. Jon Quick allowed three goals on seven shots before being pulled. It was the fourth time Quick allowed three or more goals in six December starts. Mike Richards (head) resumed skating with Los Angeles on Saturday, but was not cleared for contact. Willie Mitchell (groin) has missed four of the past five games but could be back in the Kings' lineup Monday.

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Packers denied perfection

Green Bay's 19-game win streak ended by Chiefs ◆ Winning Super Bowl is real goal: Coach

19	14
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▶ Packers QB Aaron Rodgers is sacked by Kansas City's Tamba Hall.

Mike McCarthy never put a whole lot of stock in a perfect season, except as a means of gaining home-field advantage and setting the Green Bay Packers up for another Super Bowl run.

Well, they still have a chance to earn home-field advantage.

The perfect season? That's history.

Kyle Orton threw for 299 yards to outduel Aaron Rodgers, and the Kansas City Chiefs rallied behind interim coach Romeo Crennel for a shocking 19-14 victory on Sunday that ended the Packers' 19-game winning streak. It was their first loss since Dec. 19, 2010, at New England.

"I personally always viewed the undefeated season as, really, just gravy," McCarthy said. "The goal was to get home-field advantage and win the Super Bowl. That's what we discussed.

"We were fortunate enough to be in the position to possibly achieve the undefeated season," he added, "but we still have the primary goal in front of us, and that's to get home-field advantage."

Green Bay, playing without leading receiver Greg Jennings and top rusher James Starks because of injuries, can wrap up the No. 1 seed in their final two games against Chicago and Detroit.

But the Packers no longer have the pressure of becoming the second team in NFL history to win a Super Bowl with a perfect record, or extending the second-longest winning streak in league history.

"I think our goal ultimate goal is to win a Super Bowl. The next step is getting that number one seed in the playoffs," Rodgers said. "We've got a home playoff game — we've got a bye secured."

Rodgers was 17 of 35 for 235 yards and a touchdown, and he also scampered 8 yards for another touchdown with 2:12 left in the game. But the Packers (13-1) were unable to recover the onside kick, and Kansas City picked up a couple of first downs to secure the victory.

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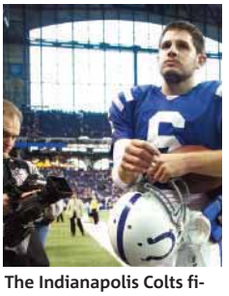
Colts win



The Indianapolis Colts finally won without Peyton Manning. It just took 14 games and three quarterbacks to get there.

- Dan Orlovsky threw one touchdown pass, a key block on an 80-yard TD run and the Colts defence held Chris Johnson to 55 yards rushing, to beat Tennessee 27-13 and avoid becoming the second 0-16 team in league history.
- For the Titans (7-7), the loss was a devastating blow to their playoff hopes. Had the Titans closed out the season with three wins, they likely would have reached the post-season. Now they'll probably need help from other teams just to get in.

Patriots slow down Tebow in win

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PATRIOTS	BRONCOS

Not this time, Tim Tebow. Tom Brady and the New England Patriots shut down Tebow's late-game heroics and clinched a playoff berth with a 41-23 victory over the Denver Broncos on Sunday.

The Patriots (11-3) won their sixth straight game and another AFC East title by bouncing back from an early 17-6 deficit and an awful first quarter in which they were outgained on the ground 167 yards to four.

This time, there was no last-minute magic from Tebow, who had guided the Broncos (8-6) to four straight fourth-quarter comebacks and six straight wins.

Instead of another slow start followed by a fantastic finish, the Broncos started out fast and then fizzled. They scored on their first three possessions and then were done in by a trio of second-quarter turnovers.

Champ Bailey had said the Broncos needed a big game against a big QB to prove to themselves and others that they were not just a curiosity but a contender.

They didn't get it on this day.

Denver has faced four quarterbacks currently ranked in the top-10 in yards passing — Aaron Rodgers, Matthew Stafford, Philip Rivers (twice) and Brady. They're 1-4 in those games.

Brady, who was 23 of 34 for 320 yards with two TD passes and a touchdown run, made up for another bad day by the Patriots' defence to beat the Broncos for the second time in eight career starts — the only team with a winning record against the three-time Super Bowl champion.

With its first loss since Oct. 30, the AFC West-leading Broncos face a tougher path to the playoffs, with a trip to Buffalo next week followed by a season finale against Kansas City, which ended Green Bay's 19-game winning streak Sunday behind Kyle Orton, the player Tebow replaced in Denver.

Tebow fell to 7-2 as Denver's starter.

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▶ Jerryd Bayless watches his shot go in in front of Celtics centre Jermaine O'Neal.

Raps fall short against Celtics

Bargnani leads with 16 points in pre-season opener

There's only one more pre-season game left for the Toronto Raptors to practise the last-second comeback.

DeMar DeRozan and Andrea Bargnani each missed shots in the dying seconds, and the Boston Celtics held on to win Sunday's exhibition game 76-75.

The Celtics led by as many as 14 points in the fourth quarter, but Toronto's first exhibition game was still considered a success by new head coach Dwane Casey.

"I liked our effort, I liked our toughness," Casey said. "We needed a couple more at the end. Overall I was pleased with the effort."

The emphasis has been on defence as the team prepared for a season shortened by a long labour dispute, but offence remains a work in progress.

CELTICS	RAPTORS
76	75

The Raptors missed some open shots and hit slightly better than 38 per cent from the floor. Toronto also committed 21 turnovers that led to 26 points.

"I thought our defence was fantastic," Casey said. "We have what we call multiple stops and we did a lot of those. We try to get seven per game and we reached our goal with that.

"Offensively, I said yesterday we may throw it in the stands and we did 21 times."

The lack of offensive polish showed on the final possession of the game. It did not go quite the way it was drawn up.

"That play we were trying to run, a couple of guys didn't get to their correct spots," Casey said. "Again now we can find out who can be in at the end of games."

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Reimer still looking for his old game

James Reimer won't use his long layoff from a concussion as an excuse. He won't use his current stuffed-up nose and symptoms of a cold as an excuse.

He'll simply say he has to play better.

"You love to play and you love to win and you love to make saves," Reimer said. "You don't like to lose. I'm hoping I can play a good solid game and get the puck to hit me and give the guys the best chance possible to get a few points."

Reimer will be in net Monday night for the Leafs against the visiting Los Angeles Kings even if all would not appear to be well on the Optimus Reim front.

He really hasn't seemed himself since returning to action Dec. 3 against Boston.

"We've got to do a better job in front of him to make him feel comfortable."
CAOCH RON WILSON

Before he got hurt, Reimer had a 2.58 goals against average and a record of 4-0-1. That was 14 goals against in five games plus the first period in Montreal, when he got hurt.

The ensuing layoff — he really couldn't even practise for weeks on end — has obviously taken a toll. Since returning, Reimer has a 3.39 goals against average and a 1-3-1 record.

"I feel like I've been playing well and not getting the bounces," Reimer said. "That might sound stupid, or repetitive, I feel confident about my game. Just going to keep working hard, keep having fun and hopefully the pucks will start hitting me."

More telling, of the 17 goals he's allowed on his last five games, 10 goals have come with the Leafs short-handed. He only allowed five power play goals in his first six games.

"In the last couple of games, I don't know if our penalty kill has been the greatest," Reimer said. "I'm partly responsible for that as one of the guys on the ice on the penalty kill. It's just part of our game."

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NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Boston	31	21	9	0	1	108	61	43	11-6-0-1	10-3-0-0	8-2-0-0	W4
d-Philadelphia	31	20	8	2	1	110	91	43	8-5-1-1	12-3-1-0	8-2-0-0	L1
d-Florida	33	18	9	2	4	90	84	42	8-2-1-4	10-7-1-0	6-2-1-1	W2
NY Rangers	29	18	7	1	3	87	66	40	8-2-0-2	10-5-1-1	6-3-0-1	W1
Pittsburgh	33	18	11	2	2	107	88	40	9-4-2-0	9-7-0-2	5-5-0-0	W1
New Jersey	32	18	13	0	1	90	92	37	7-5-0-1	11-8-0-0	6-4-0-0	W4
Buffalo	32	16	13	2	1	89	94	35	8-9-2-1	8-4-0-0	4-4-2-0	L1
Toronto	32	16	13	2	1	100	105	35	7-5-2-1	9-8-0-0	4-5-1-0	L2
Winnipeg	32	15	13	3	1	89	97	34	11-5-0-0	4-8-3-1	6-4-0-0	W1
Ottawa	33	15	14	2	2	102	116	34	8-7-0-1	7-7-2-1	4-4-1-1	W1
Washington	31	16	14	0	1	91	96	33	10-5-0-1	6-9-0-0	4-6-0-0	L1
Montreal	33	13	13	2	5	85	89	33	5-7-2-4	8-6-0-1	3-3-1-3	L2
Tampa Bay	32	14	16	0	2	87	107	28	8-5-0-0	6-11-0-2	3-7-0-0	W2
NY Islanders	30	10	14	4	2	69	97	26	6-8-3-0	4-6-1-2	5-3-2-1	W1
Carolina	34	10	18	4	2	86	116	26	6-9-0-2	4-9-4-0	2-6-2-0	L1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Chicago	33	21	8	1	3	111	98	46	11-2-0-3	10-6-1-0	8-1-0-1	W5
d-Minnesota	33	20	8	2	3	84	72	45	10-4-1-2	10-4-1-1	7-1-0-2	L3
d-San Jose	30	17	10	2	1	86	74	37	10-6-1-0	7-4-1-1	4-4-1-1	W2
St. Louis	32	19	9	0	4	82	69	42	13-3-0-1	6-6-0-3	7-1-0-2	W1
Detroit	31	20	10	1	0	104	69	41	13-2-1-0	7-8-0-0	7-3-0-0	W1
Vancouver	32	19	11	0	2	106	80	40	8-4-0-1	11-7-0-1	7-2-0-1	W1
Nashville	32	17	11	3	1	85	84	38	8-5-2-1	9-6-1-0	7-3-0-0	W5
Dallas	31	18	12	0	1	80	86	37	9-4-0-1	9-8-0-0	5-4-0-1	L1
Phoenix	32	16	13	1	2	84	85	35	7-7-1-1	9-6-0-1	4-6-0-0	L1
Los Angeles	32	14	14	2	2	69	79	32	8-9-0-1	6-5-2-1	3-7-0-0	L1
Calgary	33	14	15	2	2	82	94	32	8-5-1-1	6-10-1-1	4-3-1-2	L4
Edmonton	32	14	15	0	3	87	87	31	9-5-0-2	5-10-0-1	2-7-0-1	L3
Colorado	33	15	17	1	0	88	100	31	9-9-0-0	6-8-1-0	5-5-0-0	W1
Anaheim	32	9	18	2	3	75	105	23	7-9-1-0	2-9-1-3	3-6-1-0	L2
Columbus	33	9	20	1	3	80	111	22	6-10-1-1	3-10-0-2	3-6-1-0	L3

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Yesterday's results
Chicago 4 Calgary 2
Florida 3 Carolina 2 (OT)
St. Louis 6 Columbus 4
Saturday's results
New Jersey 5 Montreal 3
San Jose 3 Edmonton 2
Vancouver 5 Toronto 3
Winnipeg 5 Anaheim 3
Boston 6 Philadelphia 0
Colorado 2 Washington 1
Detroit 8 Los Angeles 2
Nashville 2 St. Louis 1 (SO)
N.Y. Islanders 2 Minnesota 1 (SO)
N.Y. Rangers 3 Phoenix 2
Pittsburgh 8 Buffalo 3
Tampa Bay 3 Columbus 2
Tonight's games
All Times Eastern
Montreal at Boston, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Detroit at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
N.Y. Rangers at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Nashville at Washington, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Calgary, 9 p.m.

BLACKHAWKS 4, FLAMES 2

First Period
1. Chicago, Montador 5 (Mayers, Stalberg) 9:23
Penalties — D.Smith Cal (tripping) 3:34, Hossa Chi (high-sticking) 11:28, Bourque Cal (game misconduct; served by Iginla) 15:25, Kruger Chi (interference) 16:51.
Second Period
2. Chicago, Hjalmarsson 1 (Hossa, Kruger) 5:15
3. Chicago, Kane 9 (Keith, J.Toews) 14:55 (pp)
Penalties — Stempniak Cal (slashing) 0:37, Butler Cal (tripping) 14:16, Bolland Chi (tripping) 15:29.
Third Period
4. Calgary, Jokinen 11 (Tanguay, Glencross) 2:35 (pp)
5. Chicago, Hossa 15 (Sharp, Bolland) 11:17 (pp)
6. Calgary, Glencross 10 (Iginla, Jokinen) 16:25 (pp)
Penalties — Sarich Cal (fighting), Bickell Chi (instigator, fighting, misconduct) 1:26, Brodie Cal (high-sticking) 10:36, Iginla Cal (unsportsmanlike conduct) 11:01, Kruger Chi (holding stick) 16:00, D.Smith Cal, Stalberg Chi (roughing), Frolik Chi (tripping) 17:11.

Shots				
Calgary	3	8	13	24
Chicago	9	8	8	25

Goal — Calgary: Kiprusoff (L,14-11-2); Chicago: Emery (W,9-1-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Calgary: 2-5; Chicago: 2-7.
Referees — Stephane Auger, Dan O'Rourke.
Linesmen — Jean Morin, Brian Murphy.
Attendance — 21,192 (19,717).

SATURDAY

DEVILS 5, CANADIENS 3

First Period
1. New Jersey, Sykora 8 (Zubrus) 7:05
Penalties — Emelin Mtl (tripping) 4:50, Cole Mtl (interference) 16:11, Cole Mtl (hit to the head) 18:53.
Second Period
2. Montreal, Subban 2 (Kaberle, Cammalleri) 2:21 (pp)
3. New Jersey, Elias 12 (Kovalchuk, Foster) 5:05 (pp)
4. Montreal, Campoli 1 (Weber, Gill) 5:
5. Montreal, Eller 3 (Leblanc, Gill) 8:57
6. New Jersey, Clarkson 11 (Larsson) 18:26
Penalties — Fayne NJ (interference) 0:59, Volchenkov NJ (cross-checking) 1:34, Cole Mtl (interference) 4:21, Clarkson NJ (roughing) 10:17.
Third Period
7. New Jersey, Elias 13 (Sykora) 1:31
8. New Jersey, Zubrus 10 (Kovalchuk, Foster) 10:18 (pp)
Penalties — Foster NJ (cross-checking) 4:14, Pacioretty Mtl (cross-checking) 9:09.

Shots				
New Jersey	12	13	10	35
Montreal	6	11	9	26

Goal — New Jersey: Brodeur (W,8-8-0); Montreal: Price (L,12-10-7). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — New Jersey: 2-5; Montreal: 1-4.
Referees — Greg Kimmerly, Chris Lee. **Linesmen** — David Brisebois, Greg Devorski.
Attendance — 21,273 (21,273).

CANUCKS 5, MAPLE LEAFS 3

First Period
1. Vancouver, Higgins 9 (Edler, Salo) 1:02
2. Toronto, Lupul 15 (Bozak, Liles) 3:58 (pp)
Penalties — Ballard Vcr (holding) 3:17, Aulie Tor (boarding) 12:57.
Second Period
3. Vancouver, Raymond 3 (Kesler, Higgins) 0:49
4. Toronto, Bozak 7 (Kessel) 7:33
5. Vancouver, D.Sedin 13 (Burrows) 19:16
Penalties — Weise Vcr, Connolly Tor (roughing) 5:43.
Third Period
6. Vancouver, Burrows 11 (H.Sedin) 14:06
7. Toronto, Kessel 19 (Bozak, Liles) 17:17
8. Vancouver, Hansen 10, 18:20
Penalties — None.

Shots				
Vancouver	14	13	9	36
Toronto	10	9	10	29

Goal — Vancouver: Luongo (W,12-6-2); Toronto: Gustavsson (L,9-6-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Vancouver: 0-1; Toronto: 1-1.
Referees — Kelly Sutherland, Ian Walsh.
Linesmen — Scott Driscoll, Michel Cormier, Scott Driscoll.
Attendance — 19,633 (18,819).

JETS 5, DUCKS 3

First Period
1. Winnipeg, Wellwood 8 (Antropov, Bogosian) 4:54
2. Winnipeg, Wheeler 3 (Byfuglien, Enstrom) 6:19 (pp)
3. Anaheim, Hagman 5 (Selanne, Brookbank) 14:34
4. Anaheim, Perry 13 (Getzlaf, Ellis) 18:26
Penalties — Perry Ana (high-sticking) 5:58, ParrStuart Wpg (boarding, roughing), Parros Ana (roughing) 10:08, Visnovsky Ana (slashing) 15:32.
Second Period
5. Winnipeg, Burmistrov 7 (Kane, Bogosian) 0:31
6. Winnipeg, Ladd 10 (Byfuglien, Wellwood) 18:20
Penalties — Parros Ana, Stuart Wpg (fighting) 2:06.
Third Period
7. Winnipeg, Bogosian 2 (Thorburn) 2:49
8. Anaheim, Perry 14 (Getzlaf, Selanne) 10:26 (pp)
Penalties — Thorburn Wpg (tripping) 10:18, Thorburn Wpg (tripping) 12:29, Antropov Wpg (tripping) 19:27.

Shots				
Anaheim	10	11	15	36
Winnipeg	10	13	8	31

Goal — Anaheim: Ellis (L,1-5-0); Winnipeg: Mason (W,4-2-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Anaheim: 1-4; Winnipeg: 1-2.
Referee — Mike Hasenfrantz, Dennis LaRue.
Linesmen — Derek Nansen, Vaughan Rody.
Attendance — 15,004 (15,004).

SHARKS 3, OILERS 2

First Period
1. San Jose, Havlat 2 (Handzus, Boyle) 8:36
2. Edmonton, Eberle 12 (Hall) 17:16
Penalties — None.
Second Period
3. Edmonton, Jones 10, 5:28 (sh)
4. San Jose, Thornton 6 (Vlasic, Pavelski) 14:33
Penalties — Belanger Edm (hooking) 4:58, Hall Edm (interference) 9:09, Havlat SJ (high-sticking) 10:23, Peckham Edm (holding), Havlat SJ (roughing) 12:49, Smid Edm (interference) 17:56.
Third Period
5. San Jose, Marleau 12 (Pavelski, McGinn) 6:11 (pp)
Penalties — Peckham Edm (interference) 5:59, Demers SJ (holding) 9:07.

Shots				
Edmonton	9	7	9	25
San Jose	9	14	14	37

Goal — Edmonton: Khabibulin (L,10-7-3); San Jose: Niemi (W,13-6-3). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Edmonton: 0-2; San Jose: 1-4.
Referees — Kevin Pollock, Justin St. Pierre.
Linesmen — Ryan Galloway, Scott Cherrey.
Attendance — 17,562 (17,562).

NFL

WEEK 15

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-New England	11	3	0	.786	437	297
N.Y. Jets	8	6	0	.571	346	315
Miami	5	9	0	.357	286	269
Buffalo	5	9	0	.357	311	371

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Houston	10	4	0	.714	343	236
Tennessee	7	7	0	.500	279	278
Jacksonville	4	10	0	.286	207	293
Indianapolis	1	13	0	.071	211	395

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Baltimore	10	3	0	.769	320	202
x-Pittsburgh	10	3	0	.769	282	198
Cincinnati	8	6	0	.571	305	283
Cleveland	4	10	0	.286	195	274

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	8	6	0	.571	292	343
Oakland	7	7	0	.500	317	382
San Diego	6	7	0	.462	324	299
Kansas City	6	8	0	.429	192	319

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	8	6	0	.571	348	296
N.Y. Giants	7	7	0	.500	334	372
Philadelphia	6	8	0	.429	342	311
Washington	5	9	0	.357	252	300

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-New Orleans	11	3	0	.786	457	306
Atlanta	9	5	0	.643	341	281
Carolina	5	9	0	.357	341	368
Tampa Bay	4	10	0	.286	247	401

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Green Bay	13	1	0	.929	480	297
Detroit	9	5	0	.643	395	332
Chicago	7	7	0	.500	315	293
Minnesota	2	12	0	.143	294	406

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-San Francisco	10	3	0	.769	307	182
Seattle	7	7	0	.500	284	273
Arizona	7	7	0	.500	273	305
St. Louis	2	12	0	.143	166	346

x-clinched playoff spot; **y**-clinched division
Yesterday's results
New Orleans 42 Minnesota 20
Seattle 38 Chicago 14
Cincinnati 20 St. Louis 13
Carolina 28 Houston 13
Kansas City 19 Green Bay 14
Indianapolis 27 Tennessee 13
Miami 30 Buffalo 23
Washington 23 N.Y. Giants 10
Detroit 28 Oakland 27
New England 41 Denver 23
Arizona 20 Cleveland 17 (OT)
Philadelphia 45 N.Y. Jets 19
Baltimore at Tampa Bay 15
Saturday's result
Dallas 31 Tampa Bay 15
Thursday's result
Atlanta 41 Jacksonville 14
Tonight's game
All Times Eastern
Pittsburgh at San Francisco, 8:30 p.m.

GOLF

AUSTRALIAN MASTERS

At Melbourne, Australia
Par 71 — Final Round
(a-denotes amateur)

Ian Poulter	65-68-69-67—269
Marcus Fraser	70-69-69-64—272
Geoff Ogilvy	71-66-63-73—273
Adam Crawford	74-68-69-66—277
Peter Senior	69-70-68-70—277
Brad Kennedy	71-69-69-69—278
Kieran Pratt	67-70-69-72—278
Ashley Hall	66-70-68-74—278
Kurt Barnes	70-71-70-68—279
Peter Lonard	67-70-69-73—279
Nathan Green	69-68-67-75—279
Robert Allenby	73-70-67-70—280
Peter Fowler	71-67-71-71—280
Luke Hickmott	70-71-68-71—280
Jarrod Lyle	67-71-70-72—280
Cameron Percy	70-69-69-72—280
Luke Donald	69-70-69-72—280
David Smail	70-73-65-72—280
Brent McCullough	71-66-70-73—280
John Senden	70-70-67-73—280
Greg Chalmers	69-70-67-74—280
Leigh Deagan	74-70-69-68—281
Daniel Fox	74-70-68-69—281
Brendan Jones	69-68-71-73—281
Steven Bowditch	70-69-67-75—281
Peter Wilson	74-67-70-71—282
Nick Cullen	72-68-69-73—282
Matthew Giles	67-68-71-76—282
Stephen Leaney	72-70-74-67—283
Matteo Manassero	76-67-72-68—283
Craig Parry	75-69-71-68—283
James Nitties	69-70-72-72—283
Gareth Paddison	69-71-70-73—283
Craig Scott	72-69-69-73—283

THAILAND GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

At Bangkok
Par 72 — Final Round

Lee Westwood	60-64-73-69—266
Charl Schwartzel	69-66-66-72—273
Michael Thompson	69-66-69-70—274
Chawalit Plaphol	73-71-65-67—276
Simon Dyson	69-70-68-69—276
Guido Van der Valk	71-69-66-73—279
Daisuke Maruyama	73-68-68-70—279
Alex Cejka	71-71-71-67—280
Jeev Milkha Singh	71-68-72-70—281
Tetsuji Hiratsuka	71-72-68-70—281
Gregory Bourdy	68-71-72-71—282
Prom Meesawat	72-68-69-73—282
Jyoti Randhawa	73-70-65-75—283
Prayad Marksaeng	71-74-70-69—284
Chinnarat Phadungsil	72-69-72-71—284
John Daly	65-73-72-75—285
Rikard Karlberg	72-71-66-76—285

CURLING

BDO CANADIAN OPEN

At Kingston, Ont.
Yesterday's result
CHAMPIONSHIP
Mike McEwen 5 Jeff Stoughton 2
Saturday's results
TIEBREAKER
Jean-Michel Menard 8 Kevin Koe 3
QUARTER-FINALS
Niklas Edin 7 Rob Fowler 6
Glenn Howard 6 Brad Jacobs 3
Mark McEwen 6 Jean-Michel Menard 5
Jeff Stoughton 5 Kevin Martin 2
SEMIFINALS
Mark McEwen 8 Niklas Edin 2
Jeff Stoughton 8 Glenn Howard 6

SOCCER

FIFA CLUB WORLD CUP

Yesterday's results
CHAMPIONSHIP
Barcelona (Spain) 4 Santos (Brazil) 0
THIRD PLACE
Al-Sadd (Qatar) 0 Kashiwa Reysol (Japan) 0
(Al-Sadd wins 5-3 on penalty kicks)

ENGLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE

Yesterday's results
Aston Villa 0 Liverpool 2
Manchester City 1 Arsenal 0
Queens Park Rangers 0 Manchester United 2
Tottenham 1 Sunderland 0

FRANCE

LIGUE 1

Yesterday's results
Ajaccio 1 Rennes 0
Bordeaux 1 Sochaux 0
Paris Saint-Germain 0 Lille 0

GERMANY

BUNDESLIGA

Yesterday's results
Borussia Moenchengladbach 1 Mainz 0
Kaiserslautern 1 Hannover 1

ITALY

SERIE A

Yesterday's results
Catania 2 Palermo 0
Cesena 0 Inter Milan 1
Genoa 2 Bologna 1
Juventus 2 Novara 0
Lazio 2 Udinese 2
Napoli 1 Roma 3
Parma 3 Lecce 3

SCOTLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE

Yesterday's result
St. Johnstone 0 Celtic 2

NBA

PRE-SEASON

Yesterday's results
Boston 76 Toronto 75
Orlando at Miami
Oklahoma City at Dallas
Saturday's results
Golden State 107 Sacramento 96
Houston 101 San Antonio 87
Minnesota 117 Milwaukee 96
New York 92 New Jersey 83
Tonight's games
All Times Eastern
Atlanta at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Utah at Portland, 10 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Washington at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
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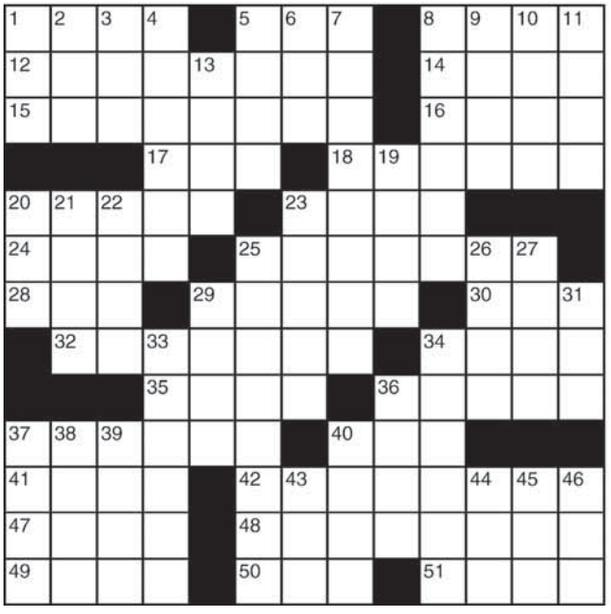

Across

1 Bakery buys
5 Youngster
8 Treaty
12 Australian city
14 Reverberate
15 Like spreadsheets, e.g.
16 Slender
17 Scepter
18 Each
20 Hybrid eating utensil
23 Entanglement
24 Bohemian
25 Refrigerator decorations
28 Humour
29 Gave a darn
30 Regret
32 Grieved
34 Intentions
35 Primary
36 Sag
37 "— & Louise"
40 To and —
41 Emanation
42 Ivy League university
47 List of options
48 Catholic prayer
49 "Hey, you!"
50 Remiss
51 Je ne — quoi

Down

1 Atl. counterpart
2 Altar affirmative
3 Conger or moray
4 Wet cement mixture
5 Sort
6 Mrs. McKinley
7 Mad
8 Small
9 Liniment target
10 Stylish
11 Color quality
13 Beyond control
19 Frogs' hangout
20 Witnessed
21 Proper partner?
22 "Beetle Bailey" dog
23 Carpenter or Black
25 Crazed
26 Threesome
27 Japanese wrestling
29 Study all night
31 Kreskin's claim
33 Diacritical mark
34 Scents
36 Snare or tom-tom
37 Pack down tightly
38 Shades
39 Sea eagles
40 Show off your muscles
43 Eggs
44 Lingerie item
45 Midafternoon, on a sundial
46 Some small batteries

▶ Friday's answer

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Today's horoscope

♈ **Aries** March 21-April 20 Misunderstandings could be expensive, so make sure those you work and do business with know what you are up to today.

♉ **Taurus** April 21-May 21 Take life at a more measured pace over the next 24 hours.

♊ **Gemini** May 22-June 21 Opportunities to prosper are all around, but you must be selective.

♋ **Cancer** June 22-July 22 You seem to be a bit touchy at the moment, and that's bad news for anyone who gets on your wrong side.

♌ **Leo** July 23-Aug.23 You can sense that something big is about to happen but you can't work out what it might be. Relax.

♍ **Virgo** Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Why are you trying so hard to convince people that your ideas are best?

♎ **Libra** Sept. 23-Oct. 23 What seems like a setback today will turn out to be a blessing in disguise before the end of the year, so don't waste time worrying about it.

♏ **Scorpio** Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You will face some tough obstacles today, but being a Scorpio you will enjoy the challenge.

♐ **Sagittarius** Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Your options may be limited at the moment but that's no bad thing.

♑ **Capricorn** Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You will have to use up a lot of physical and mental energy to enjoy what is really quite a modest return. In which case, why bother?

♒ **Aquarius** Jan. 21-Feb. 18 There are two ways you can get what you want: you can go it alone or you can partner up with people who share your ambitions. It's a no-brainer really.

♓ **Pisces** Feb. 19-March 20. Keep your mind focused on a particular target.

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		7	8	6		3		5
2		5	4					1
	9							
6		2			3			
		8				6		
			7			5		2
							1	
4					5	8		9
8		3		9	1	2		

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Friday's answer ▶

5	7	6	4	1	3	8	9	2
8	3	9	6	2	5	7	4	1
1	4	2	8	7	9	3	6	5
2	6	5	3	9	8	1	7	4
4	8	7	1	5	2	9	3	6
9	1	3	7	4	6	2	5	8
3	9	4	5	8	1	6	2	7
7	2	8	9	6	4	5	1	3
6	5	1	2	3	7	4	8	9

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